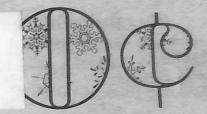


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Weird Science Is Family Fun Night At Jr. High

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

The Science Department of the Junior High School staged its first ever Family Fun Science Night on Tuesday, February 15th in the school's cafeteria.

Students, along with their parents and siblings, put their science training to the test as they attempted to solve an intriguing set of science challenges and puzzles set up at eight stations around the cafeteria.

Science Department Chairman Robert Sartwell and science teachers Debbie LaMotte, Karen Shugrue, Judith Basile, Pat Flynn, Barbara Willenbrock, and Richard Condron invited nearly 200 parents and students to put their heads together and have some fun exploring the various science challenges. To cap off the evening, families were pitted against each other in a balloon rocket race.

Opportunity To Have Fun Together
Sartwell explained the evening was an opportunity for students and their families to have fun working on science challenges and for parents to

meet their child's science teacher.

Moving from one station to another, parents and students tried to build a platform using four plastic cups and sticks in the form of a triangle that would support the four containers. The group constructed paper air spinners while attempting to predict how changes in their designs would affect flying performance. They also sampled fingerprinting techniques to describe the different patterns used to identify fingerprints.

SEE SCIENCE - Education Section...



ENJOYING FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT at the Junior High were Rebecca Rising and Angela Gontczaruk. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Cub Scouts Learn About Ham Radio



THE SCOUTS OF Cub Scout Pack 85 (Den 5) received a tour and a demonstration of the famous Ham Radio WIKK station owned and operated by Art Zavarella. Zavarella has been operating this station for over 60 years. He is known by nearly everyone in this region for this hobby, and has many contacts both nationwide and worldwide. Zavarella arranged for some of his Ham friends to call in to speak with the boys, who also received a demonstration of Morse code. Pictured above with Zavarella are scouts James DelPeschio (left) and David Hearn (right). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

At Former Standard Uniform Building...

10-Pin Bowling Alley, Indoor Soccer Coming Soon To Walnut Street Ext.

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

A family-oriented 10-pin bowling center will open in August at 350 Walnut St. Ext. in the building formerly housing Standard Uniform Services, a wallpaper outlet, and a men's clothing

Games and Lanes, to be owned and operated by Robert Brunelle of Ludlow, is expected to employ three full-time employees and up to 15 part-

According to Mark Haymes, general manager of Standard Uniform, Brunelle has entered into a long-term lease of the property owned by Stan-

The bowling center will feature 16 lanes of state-of-the-art 10-pin bowling, complete with fully automatic scoring, a snack bar, pro shop, two birthday rooms, and bumper bowling for the younger set.

Brunelle said bumper bowling allows young children to learn to bowl without the frustration of throwing gutter balls. Introduced only two years ago, the system consists of barriers that prevent balls from falling into the gutters

Classes For Beginners And Advanced The center will offer learn to bowl classes for beginners and learn to bowl better classes for more advanced bowlers. Brunelle said the center will be open seven days a week and will accomodate morning, afternoon, and evening

In addition to bowling lanes, the center will house an indoor soccer and floor hockey rink, complete with locker rooms and bleachers for spectators. Brunelle said his is the only area center to offer locker rooms and bleachers.

Indoor batting cages for softball and baseball, a video game redemption area featuring skee-ball and a discovery zone for younger children will complete the center's offerings for all ages and interests.

Brunelle said he was attracted to the building because it had originally been built as a bowling center in the 1960's, making a retrofit for modern bowling equipment easier.

Something Families Can Enjoy Together

"I think our target is for a family type thing-a place where parents can come as spectators or as participants. One of the most successful leagues in bowling is the parent/child league. And with our other items, the center will be something a family can enjoy together," Brunelle said.

According to Haymes, the building has been empty for over a year. Standard Uniform moved their operations to a new 45,000 square ft. facility at the Agawam Regional Industrial Park in 1990. Standard Uniform currently employs 50 people in its uniform rental and industrial textile business.

Brunelle has been in the bowling and recreation industry for 33 years. He has been employed as a manager for AMF, the world's largest operator of bowling centers for many years.

Brunelle is currently working to attract league

play to his new bowling center.

Renovation of the building is slated to begin May 1st at a cost of \$500,000. Completion of the renovations is expected in August in time for league play in September.

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Fire Wise

by Fire Chief David Pisano

The Importance Of Fire Lanes

How many times has it irritated you to drive to your local shopping area to find a car parked in a fire lane? The message is simple; the message is direct! "NO PARKING—FIRE LANE" means just

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The Agawam Fire Department reminds you that leaving your vehicle unattended in a fire lane may hamper emergency efforts, and simply parking your vehicle leaves you open to a fine. Remember -if you park there, others will think it is acceptable to park there ... and it isn't. It's against the

You may think it is silly or overkill, but then when was the last time you had to move 150 feet of fire hose around someone's car or delivery truck to put out a fire, or carry someone ill or injured to an ambulance? Every step, every foot, every car or truck in the way makes a difference in the efficiency of fire and life safety.

The Agawam Fire Department wants you to realize that these areas are important to you and your neighbor's safety. Whether at a shopping center, the post office, or office building, apartment building, or transportation loading area ...

when they are needed, they must be available.

Park there illegally and it may cost you a fine, towing charge, or both! More importantly, it may result in more property damage, illness, or injury. For additional information, contact the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Town Council at its last meeting mentioned that residents may find the above list helpful. We were asked to publish it and agreed to do so. It will appear the first Thursday of every month for the time being.



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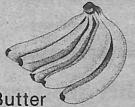
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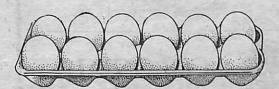


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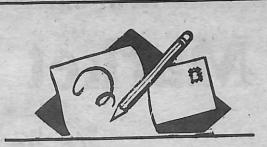


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Letters To The Editor

Church Youth Groups Plan Townwide Candy Bar Sale

To The Editor:

On Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 6th from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m., the Agawam Congregational Church Junior and Senior High Youth Groups will be canvassing the Agawam and Feeding Hills area with candy bars to sell to raise funds for their July 1995 trip to the U.C.C. General Synod in Oakland, California.

The candy bars cost \$1. This is only the beginning of many fundraisers planned throughout the

year to help our youth reach their goal of \$12,500.
The General Synod is a representative body of the United Church of Christ that meets once every two years to discuss, elect officers, adopt budgets, review, plan, adopt and recommend policy and worship.

Over 6,000 delegates and groups attend the General Synod and bring back to their local church's ideas, new policies, and enthusiasm to help make a difference in our world.

We hope to send our group of youths and advisors on this trip, but will need the help of our church and community to achieve this endeavor. This trip will help our youth grow and mature, not only in their faith, but also in life.

Donations will be accepted throughout the year. Items to raffle will also be accepted. **Agawam Congregational Church**

Fitness First Praised For

American Diabetes Asso. Seeking Local Support

To The Editor:

The American Diabetes Association will be reaching out to thousands of people in every corner of the Commonwealth this year, with vital

diabetes information, education, and support.

Tuesday, March 22nd is the annual American
Diabetes Alert, when we ask people everywhere to
learn the symptoms and warning signs of
diabetes — a serious, chronic disease that claims

150,000 lives each year.
Our mission is to find a preventive and cure for diabetes and to improve the lives of the 13 million Americans who suffer from this disease. It takes the love and determination of a small army of volunteers to carry on this work.

We want to thank the 33,000 volunteers across Massachusetts who took part in the Neighborhood Check for Diabetes program during the busy holiday season. We are especially grateful to the 192 A.D.A. blockworkers in Agawam, Feeding Hills, and Southwick for show-

ing their concern and support.

The Neighborhood Check program reached nearly half a million homes across the state with the Diabetes Risk Test, a simple educational tool for letting people know whether they are at risk for diabetes.

Thanks to the efforts of our blockworkers and the generous response of their neighbors, the Neighborhood Check program also raised more than \$400,000 for the Massachusetts Affiliate's

research and education programs.

There are an estimated 400,000 people in Massachusetts with diabetes — but half of them may not know it until they face serious complications such as blindness, kidney failure, heart disease, stroke, or amputation.

We urge you to take the risk test during the American Diabetes Alert. Call the Massachusetts Affiliate at (800) 229-2559 for a free copy of the

Thanks again to our dedicated and tireless volunteers, as we continue our efforts to find a cure for diabetes.

Sincerely, James Igoe, Chairman **American Diabetes Association** Massachusetts Affiliate

Senior Center Friends High School Saturday Nights **Gratified For Support**

I would like to take this time to publicly thank FITNESS FIRST. The owners of the club have been more than generous!

They have opened their club to Agawam High School students on Saturday nights. We, as a town, should be very proud to have a business

that is so concerned about our teenagers.

Everything has been wonderful! The students love it! They finally have a place to go where they feel wanted and are able to be young adults. I have been there every Saturday night and that is exactly how they have acted.

These students have shown respect for people and things. That is a great value that they have shown. I am looking for people to call me to ask to come and chaperone one Saturday a month.

It is an enjoyable time. The youth of Agawam want to be doing something in a positive manner. It is our job or challenge to be able to do this for them. If you are interested, please call me at

Joann M. McGeoghan, Co-president Agawam High School P.T.S.O.

To The Editor: Dear Friend:

As members of "Friends of the Agawam Senior Center," we are proud of the efforts of "Friends" to benefit Agawam seniors and the center.

Recent projects have included a new stove and Hobart mixer for the senior center kitchen, a laser printer and Bingo machine for the center, and a weeping cherry tree for the grounds.

"Friends" is a fundraising, nonprofit organization created in 1985 and incorporated under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Budget restrictions, which have limited the Council on Aging's services to our seniors, have made the work of "Friends" more important than

We hope you will join with us to help enhance the programs and services provided to Agawam's seniors. Please consider a business sponsorship. for \$15.

Thank you for your support of "Friends."

Friends Of The Agawam Senior Center Thomas J. Leahy, Jr. Joanne H. Willis **Membership Committee**

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When Town Govt. Opens, **Electronic Signal Goes Off**

To The Editor:

Every morning when a certain door is opened, an electronic signal is heard throughout all city

All gladiators and city employees must stand at their work station and with reverence and awe, repeat the following:

1. "On this day, I will say "Yes," and agree with all my superiors and elected officials."

2. "If anyone else asks a question, I will reply, "I

do not know." There is a disease among our city employees called "Pensionitis." They wish for the day they will receive a monetary reward for their services.

They have been exposed to an aroma of discontent and it affects their ability to strive for the American way of excellence.

At a local watering hole (where all nice people meet), I have heard the comment, "Please do not quote me as it will affect my future and pension

I might mention that these people did not drive to or from the watering hole. They are afraid of entrapment proceedings.

When is the shining armor going to affect this city with a glow of positive decisions?

Dan Courtney Feeding Hills

Family Expresses Thanks **During Time Of Crisis**

We would like to publicly thank all who gave us assistance during our time of crisis.

This list includes the Agawam Fire Department and Department of Public Works, our neighbors,

friends, and families. 'Ve truly appreciate all of your help and want to

let the community know how fortunate we are to be surrounded by such caring people. Thank you all.

Greg and Kathy Lamson

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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Friday, March 4th
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Monday, March 7th Agawam Lioness Club's meeting program on women's health issues At Storrowton Restaurant, W. Spfld. For more info/reservations, call 786-9586

Wednesday, March 9th; Thursday, March 10th; Tuesday March 22nd Free support groups for bereaved individuals (sponsored by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes) For specific info on these groups (time, place, etc.), call 733-5311



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LETTERS - from Page 4...

Elm Street Fire Station Not In Firemen's Best Interests

To The Editor:

Democracy lets all voices, even those against it, to be heard. I am having a hard time seeing the fire behind all the smoke being raised about the involvement for a new "Top Cop."

I feel the next mental giant selected for this position will be all for democracy and able to absorb the whiffs of disaenchantment.

A two-sided coin is being tossed as an acting chief would be given a better chance. Our Council is in agreement and admits we have "Good" people in our Police Department. In the past, our Police Department was referred to as "Agawam's Finest" per the dignified persistence of Chief Grady. What has happened? Our Council still walks both sides of the street.

We have an acting Fire Chief (other side of flipped coin). Through many processes and past performances of superior and elected Council, we have a Fire Department of demoralized fire fighters risking lives and being housed on Elm

When a firefighter has expended all his physical and mental energies he looks at the fire house on Elm Street and thinks of another night of tossing and turning, wondering about his own

safety.

"Life on Duty," "Living on Elm Street." When will masks of ignoring this situation be removed? **Dan Courtney**

Feeding Hills

DPW Employees Come To Rescue During Storm

To The Editor:

During our most recent snowstorm while traveling with my daughter, I lost a tire and skidded into Several of our DPW employees stopped to help, free our vehicle and change the tire. Many, many thanks to Angel, Freddie, Nick and Bob for coming to our rescue. Each of these gentlemen showed their concern for our safety and well-being.

Agawam should be proud to have such dedicated employees. They went above and beyond their job descriptions and are true public servants. Thank you for being there

Very truly yours, Joanne H. Willis **Feeding Hills**

Lung Association Thanks Advertiser News For Help

To The Editor:

Dear Friend of the Lung Association:
On behalf of the NYNEX CLEAN AIR CLASSIC Golf Tournament Committee and the Board of Directors of the American Lung Association of Western Massachusetts, we wish to thank-you for

your tremendous support of the 1993 tournament.

Your help made this event a great success! Plans are under way for the third Annual NYNEX CLEAN AIR CLASSIC to be held at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield on Wednesday, June 15th, 1994.

John Calipari will again be our keynote speaker, and he will join us in the golf tournament. Once again, the tournament will be a scramble format, and one low price covers everything - golf, cart, lunch, dinner, and prizes.

Sincerely, Ken Barnes

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Agawam Republican **Town Committee Announces Caucus**

The Agawam Republican Town Committee will hold a caucus on March 12th, 1994 to elect delegates to the Republican Nominating Conven-

The caucus will be held at the Faolin Peirce Community Room of the Agawam Police Depart-ment, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

Registration will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., with voting beginning immediately thereafter. All candidates interested in becoming delegates must be registered Republicans as of December 31st, 1993.

Only members of the Republican Town Committee may cast votes for the qualifying candidates interested in becoming delegates. All registered Republicans are urged to attend and take an active role in the upcoming election.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, March 17, 1994 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board to amend Chapter 180, Article XI, of the Agawam Town Code entitled "Industrial District B" Section 180-65. Lot Size: Lot Coverage by adding the 180-65, Lot Size; Lot Coverage, by adding the following Section 180-65C: "No lot shall have a frontage of less than one hundred (100) feet on a

Copies of the proposed amendment can be viewed or obtained from the Agawam Planning & Community Development Offce or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office in the Agawam Town Hall.

By order of the Agawam Planning Board, Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman

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Agawam Obituaries

Rachel Foakes John J. Shea

John J. Shea, 86, formerly of 398 Suffield Street, Agawam's last town moderator, died in a local nursing home.

He was a self-employed advertising technician for area sign companies and other businesses for half a century.

He was born in Holyoke, and was graduated from Holyoke High School in 1924. He lived in Springfield for several years before moving to Agawam in 1954.

He was a communicant of St. John the

Evangelist Church, and a church councilor. He was Agawam's last town moderator in 1972 when the city adopted a managerial form of government. He was licensing commissioner for six years, and headed the License Commission in 1977 and 1978.

He was on the Robinson Park School Building Commission, and was a former chairman of the Democratic Town Committee. He was a president, business agent, and member of Stagehands Union Local 53, and was in Springfield's Elks

His wife, the former Celina M. LaRose, died in

Shea leaves a sister, Cecilia V. LaRose of Westboro, and several nieces and nephews.

The funeral will be held on Friday morning, March 4th, at Colonial Funeral Home and the church, with burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. John the Evangelist Church building fund at 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001, or the Ronald McDonald House, 34 Chapin Street, Springfield, MA 01107.

Herbert T. Gilbert

Suffield: Herbert T. Gilbert, 85, of 951 Mapleton Avenue, an employee of Diamond International Corp., died at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs. He retired in 1975.

He was born in Florence, Mass., and lived in Agawam, Mass., before moving here 43 years ago. He was an Army veteran of World War II, and a communicant of Calvary Episcopal Church.

He leaves his wife, the former Anna Buch; four sons, David A. of Forest Park, Ohio, and Dennis B. and Mark S. of Springfield, Mass., and Jeffrey N. of Windsor Locks; two daughters, Wendy Washburn of East Granby, and Lynne; a brother,

Victor of Springfield, and six grandchildren.

The funeral was at Nicholson & Carmon Funeral Home, with burial in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Maude B. Light

Maude B. Light, 95, of 95 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, a 22-year secretary at the former Boxmakers Inc. in Westfield, died in a local nursing home. She retired in 1972.

Born in Everett, she lived in the Agawam/Feeding Hills area for 70 years, and was a member of Valley Community Church.

She leaves a brother, Roderic H. Light of Ocala,

Florida, and three nephews. The funeral will be private and at the convenience of the family. Colonial Funeral Home is in

charge of the arrangements.

Rachel (James) Foakes, 86, of 29 Meadow Brook Manor, Agawam, died in a local nursing

She was a nurse at Paddington Hospital in London, England, during World War II. She worked there when the big hospital was severely damaged during the 1940-41 German raids on London, and was wounded during the German V-2 rocket attacks on southeastern England in the autumn of

She was born and educated in South Wales. She came to this country in 1953, and lived in Longmeadow before moving to Agawam four

She was a communicant of St. David's Episcopal Church, and attended the Agawam Senior Center.

Her husband was the late William A. Foakes. Mrs. Foakes leaves a son, William R. of Windsor, Connecticu; a daughter, Peggy Entwistle of Granville; five grandchildren, and several nephews and nieces in England.

The funeral was held in St. David's Church, with a private burial to be held in the spring at Paucatuck Cemetery in West Springfield. Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 240 Main Street, Northampton, MA,

Leon Solomon

Leon Solomon, 92, of 158 Regency Park Drive, Agawam, died at home.

From 1959 to 1964, he owned Young & Trim Co., a women's coat manufacturer. He worked previously for Samuel J. Belsky Coat Co.

He also worked for Kessler & Schwartz Inc. in New York City, where he set up the production of military uniforms and combat field jackets.

Born in Romania, he moved to Paris in 1918, to New York City in 1922, and to Springfield in 1943. He moved to Agawam 27 years ago. He worshipped at the Kodimoh Synagogue, and

was a Knight of Pythias.

He leaves his wife, the former Sophie Borenstein; a son, Arthur W., and a daughter, Dorothy Blackman of Longmeadow; five grandchildren,

and four great-grandchildren. The funeral was held at Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel, with burial at Kodimoh Cemetery in West Springfield. The memorial observance was held at the 165 Viscount Road,

Longmeadow home of Arthur W. Solomon. Memorial contributions may be made to any

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Lorraine T. Tetrault

Lorraine T. (Couture) Tetrault, 77, of 14B Mansion Woods Drive, Agawam, a retired 25-year police matron at the Springfield Police Department, died at home after a brief illness.

Born and schooled in Chicopee, she moved to Agawam six years ago. She was a communicant of Sacred Heart Church in Springfield, and a former member of Le Cercle des Dames Francaises in Chicopee.

Her husband, Rudolph Tetrault, died in 1973. Mrs. Tetrault leaves three daughters, Carolyn Tetrault of Agawam, Marcia Blanchette of Chicopee, and Christine Tetrault of Maryland; two brothers, Roger of Chicopee and Gerald of Naples, Florida; several nephews and nieces, and her longtime companion, Robert Knowlton of Agawam.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and Sacred Heart Church, with burial at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, Box 51946, Springfield, 01151-5946, or Sacred Heart Church, Chestnut Street, Springfield.

George D. Langevin

George D. Langevin, 73, died recently at home. He was a retired member of Ironworkers Local 357 in Springfield.

He was born in Springfield, and lived most of his life in Feeding Hills. He moved to Okeechobee, Florida in 1977. He belonged to the Storrowton Dance Group and the United

Methodist Church in Agawam.
He leaves his wife, Lillian Langevin; three sons, Richard G. of Port Orange, Robert A. Ashfield, Mass., and Raymond F. of Feeding Hills; a brother, Edmond F. of Fort Pierce; two sisters, Pearl Puskey of Feeding Hills, and Marian Zolla of Dennis, Mass.; 11 grandchildren, and seven greatgrandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made to the Pioneer Valley Hospice, Box 51946, Springfield, 01151-5946, or the American Heart Fund, 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701-4688.

Brenda H. Hallaman

Brenda H. (Martin) Hallaman of Agawam, a clerk for more than 20 years at the Triangle Pharmacy in Springfield, died in a local nursing home. She retired in 1970.

Born and schooled in Springfield, she moved to Agawam 30 years ago.

She leaves two granddaughters, Lou Ann Lehan and Kathleen Goldrup of Agawam; six great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Her sons died previously-Frederick in 1979,

and Kenneth last year. A memorial service was conducted at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family, and there are no calling hours.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Danahy Tenant Organization, in care of Marg Tronconi, 29-51 Maple Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

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Calling All Republicans... The Agawam Town Committee **Announces A Caucus To Elect Delegates To The** Republican Nominating Convention

Where:

Faolin Peirce Community Room 681 Springfield Street Feeding Hills, MA

When:

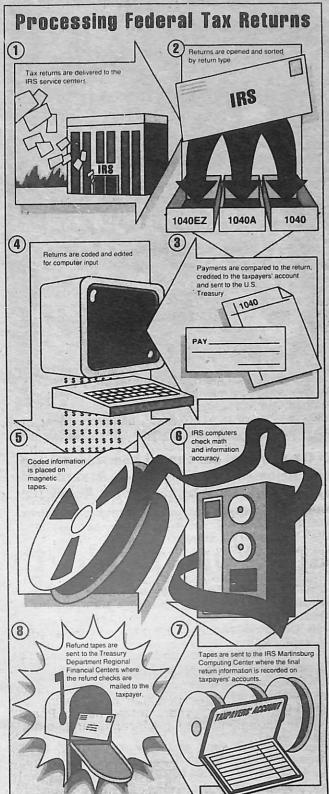
March 12, 1994 Registration 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. Voting begins at 9:30 a.m.

Who:

All registered Republicans** as of December 31, 1993 are eligible to run for the available delegate positions.

Only members of the Agawam Town Committee may vote for the qualified persons seeking delegate positions.

A Sneak Peak: From Their Mailbox to Yours



Have You Moved? The Post Office Can **Forward Tax Refund**

Avoid delays in getting your tax refund after you move. Include the IRS and your old post office on your list of those to notify of your address change.

By giving your new address to the post office servicing your old address, you tax refund check can be forwarded to you. Changing your address with the IRS not only helps to get your refund delivered to you, but also helps to ensure that you will receive other important IRS correspondence. Bills or notices of tax deficiency sent to your last known address are legally effective, even if you

If you have not yet filed your 1993 federal income tax return and have moved since you filed last year's return, correct the address on the peeloff label of your new tax package. Attach it to your return before you mail it. The IRS will update your records when the return is processed.

To correct your address with the IRS after you have filed, write to the IRS service center (listed in the tax package) where you filed your last return, or to the Chief, Taxpayer Service Division, in your local IRS district office (check your local direc-

tory).

The IRS needs your full name and any prior name(s), signature, old and new addresses, and your social security number to process the change of address. Filers of joint returns should provide this information for both spouses. IRS Form 8822, "Change of Address," can be completed and mailed instead. If needed, call 1-800-829-3676 to order it. 829-3676 to order it.

Best Local News

Tax Benefit Gained **After Disaster Loss**

Your personal loss could turn into a tax gain. If you've had a casualty—damage, destruction, or loss of property resulting from an identifiable event that is sudden, unexpected, or unusual your loss from that casualty may be deductible on

Generally, to figure your loss, you will have to make a list of your property that was damaged, lost, or destroyed. Then determine the value of the property before and after the casualty. Usually, the difference between these two values is the amount of the casualty loss. The loss is deductible on the return in the year the casualty occurred.

If the loss happened in an area that the President of the United States declares eligible for

federal disaster assistance, and you can deduct the casualty loss on your federal income tax return, you have a choice when to deduct the loss. return, you have a choice when to deduct the loss. You can file an amended return to deduct the loss on your tax return filed for the year immediately preceding the year of the casualty. Or, if you choose, you can deduct the loss for the year the casualty actually occurred.

For other details, such as special rules for insurance reimbursements and how to replace missing records, call 1-800-829-3676 to order any of the forms and publications listed below:

of the forms and publications listed below:
• Publication 334, Tax Guide for Small

Publication 536, Net Operating Losses.
Publication 544, Sales and Other Dispositions of Assets.

Publication 547, Nonbusiness Disasters,



Casualties, and Thefts.

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• Publication 584, Nonbusiness Disaster,
Casualty, and Theft Loss Workbook.

• Form 1040X, "Amended U.S. Individual Income Tax Return," and Instructions.

• Form 1120X, "Amended U.S. Corporation Income Tax Return," and Instructions.

• Form 4506, "Request for Copy of Tax Form."

• Form 4684, "Casualties and Thefts," and Instructions.

Form 4868, "Application for Automatic Extension of Time To File U.S. Individual Income Tax

IRS Has Special Box On Tax Form For Financing 1996 Campaign

By checking a special box on your federal income tax form, you can participate in financing the 1996 Presidential Election Campaign. The fund was established by Congress to help pay for

presidential election campaigns.

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wish to have \$3 go to this campaign. The designation amount increased from \$1 in prior years. On a joint return, both you and your spouse may

choose whether or not to contribute.

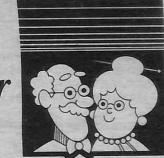
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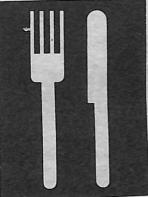
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Melconian Announces Science Committee Will Report Findings

Senator Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield), Chairwoman of the Senate Committee on Science and Technology, has announced that the committee has been hard at work preparing comprehensive reports following an active fall and winter season of holding public hearings in cities around the Commonwealth.

Melconian stated, "Our committee and staff have been steadily at work, coalescing all the material and knowledge we have gathered as a result of the public hearings. So far, our committee has uncovered a wealth of information about the exciting and promising developments in Massachusetts industry.

Massachusetts industry.

The hearing schedule was launched last October at Springfield Technical Community College and focused on primarily two areas: technology in educational programs, and developments which have been made in the high-speed ground transporation mode, MAGLEV.

The second hearing, featuring the emerging field of biotechnology, was held in the hub of the biotechnology revolution, the city of Worcester. The third hearing, held in Lowell, was entitled "Incubating the New Industrial Revolution" and examined the formation of enterprise "clusters" in amined the formation of enterprise "clusters" in regions around the state.

The fourth hearing was held at the world-renowned Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute and explored the progress of oceanographic research and how such developments can translate into real economic results for Massachusetts. The fifth hearing took place at the Massachusetts State House and was entitled the Massachusetts State House and was entitled "Science and Technology: Path to Prosperity"; it boasted the participation of numerous leaders in policy in this state, including that of Senator Paul Tsongas, Secretary of Economic Affairs Gloria Larson, and Former Senate Ways and Means Chairwoman Patricia McGovern.

The hearing's testimony addressed three major areas in technological development: the role of government with regard to industry; application of defense research to commercial uses; and the certain promise which two of Massachusetts' burgeoning fields, telecommunications and environmental technology, will bring to future

growth in Massachusetts. The reports will encompass not only the testimonial message of those experts but also the committee's findings, conclusions, and recommendations for public policy changes affecting the future relationship between state government

and emerging technological businesses.
Melconian concluded, "This committee has a unique opportunity to begin to change the way we think about the role government should play in industrial and technological development. We must remember that our future depends on an attitude that we are all in this together.

Walsh Family Rallies Around State Rep.



LAST WEEK STATE REP. Michael P. Walsh (D-Agawam) announced he would not seek reelection to a seventh term in the Mass. House of Representatives. Walsh was flanked at his morning press conference at the Captain Charles Leonard House by his mother, Rosalie; his wife, Mary; and his father, former Judge William T. Walsh, Sr. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Town Council Agenda For March 7th

- 1. Citizen's Speak Time
- 2. Roll Call
- 3. Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance
 4. Minutes Special Council Meeting of 2/15/94;
 Minutes Regular Council Meeting of 2/22/94
 5. Declaration from Council President
- 6. Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remon-
- 7. Report of Council Committees
- 8. Elections
- 9. Public Hearings
 - (a) 1. PH-94-4-(TOR-94-1)-An Ordinance to amend

the Code of the Town of Agawam, Ch. 180, Art. VII entitled "Business A District." (Conduct Public Hearing)

10. Old Business (a) Orders

1. TOR-94-2-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49, Section 7(8) of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor)(2nd Reading).

(Mayor)(2nd Reading).
2. TOR-94-3-An Ordinance to Amend Chapter 49,
Section 7(9)(c) of the Code of the Town of Agawam
(Mayor)(2nd Reading).
3. TOR-94-4-An Ordinance Establishing the
Location of Regular and Special Meetings of the Agawam City Council (Coun. Danie)(1st Reading). 4. TO-94-7-Voucher List (\$96.00).

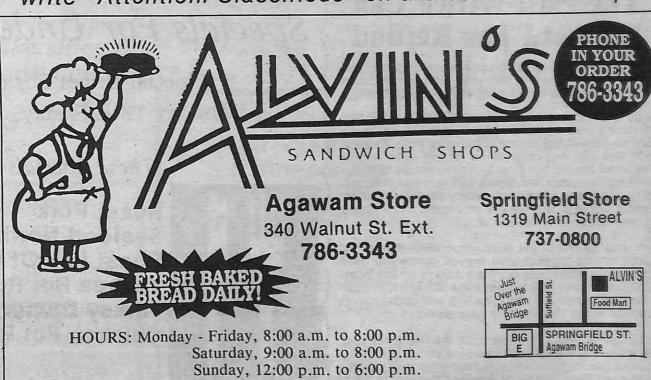
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ROM Computer To Be Unveiled By Ag. Lib. At Open House

The Agawam Public Library is pleased to announce that the "world premiere" of its new CD-ROM Multimedia computer workstations is set to take place on Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 a.m.

The public is invited to stop in during this "Open House," and become acquainted with this exciting new technology. Additional reference staff will be on hand to demonstrate and answer your questions about our CD-ROM programs.

CD-ROM Multimedia technology allows the user to search through software containing thousands of pages of information which is augmented by sound, video, and other audiovisual elements for maximum learning

CD-ROM discs are similar to the compact discs (CD's) that have become so popular for playing music. CD-ROM software contains thousands of pages of information in digitized form. Incredibly, one single CD-ROM disc can hold the entire text of all 21 volumes of an encyclopedia set. Unlike printed sources, CD-ROM offers the added benefit of superior searching with every word of the text being indexed.

Just a few of the programs available during this "Open House" are: The New Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, Microsoft Musical Instruments, Time Magazine Almanac, Microsoft Encarta (an encyclopedia), Multimedia Animals Encyclopedia, The Guinness Disc of Records, Microsoft Art Gallery, and Microsoft Bookshelf.

This "Open House" is part of a Federal grant entitled "Students' High Tech Multimedia Education Center," which is being funded through the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners with title I funds of L.S.C.A. (Library Services and Construction Act), a federal source of library fun-

For this Saturday, March 5th "Open House," you may either call and reserve time for when you would like to drop by the libary, or you can just

Be advised that there has been a great deal of interest in CD-ROM Multimedia on the part of our patrons, so the best way to make certain that you will be able to get "hands-on" practice on the computer is to call and reserve a block of time.

If you would like more information about this program, or would like to call and reserve some computer time on Saturday, March 5th, please call the Agawam Public Library at 789-1550.

Agawam Lions Club Plans Annual Corned

The Agawam Lions Club will be holding its annual St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner on March 16th, at the Agawam Middle School, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Price of the dinner is \$6 for adults, and \$3.50 for children under 12

All proceeds from the dinner will benefit the city's Camp Rainbow and D.A.R.E. Program. Tickets will be available at the door or can be purchased in advance from any Lions Club member.

(At this time, the Agawam Lions Club would like to announce that some of its members will be selling dinner tickets this Saturday, March 5th, at the Agawam Big Y between the hours and 1:00 and 3:00 p.m.)

"...And, They're Off...



HERITAGE HALL NURSING HOME residents Helen Smith and Norman Charon enjoy a table-top game of horseracing during activity time in the North Building. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Announces Town Fair To Be Held In May

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring the third annual Agawam Town Fair featuring

fun for the whole family The fair will be held Saturday, May 14th, and will feature game booths sponsored by various organizations as well as food, free balloons, face painting, candy, popcorn, and other fun activities for families. In addition, a dunking booth will give

everyone a chance to dunk their favorite local celebrity or politician. Admission is free.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of

Mr. And Mrs. Mallory Beef & Cabbage Dinner Honored On Their 40th Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mallory of Suffield Street, Agawam, recently celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with a family brunch at the Yankee Pedlar Inn in Holyoke.

The couple were married February 20th, 1954 at East Church in East Springfield.

They are the parents of Daryl, Diane, and Wayne, all of Agawam, and Janet Carter of Fairbanks, Alaska. They also have six grandchildren.

Before his retirement, Mr. Mallory was employed by New England Dairies of Hartford, Connecticut. Mrs. Mallory is the former Hazel Jor-

Junior Women's Club Easter Seal Telethon Celebrates 50 Years Of Helping The Disabled

When the 10th Easter Seal Telethon goes on the air over WWLP-TV22, Springfield, on March 6th, it will be an eight-hour gala celebrating 50 years of empowering people with diabilities. The Massachusetts Easter Seal Society is using the occasion to showcase the men, women, and children with disabilities whose lives have been changed

over the years by Easter Seals.
Airing on WWLP-TV22 from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 6th, the show will be broadcast live from the Springfield Marriott. Twelve year-old Adam Anderson of Wilbraham, the Western Massachusetts Easter Seal Child, will star along with veteran Easter Seal hosts.

Brenda Garton and Barry Kriger.
National segments of the show will come live from Hollywood with Pat Boone, Mary Frann, and Robb Weller.

Telethon Chairman Jack Sarat of Agawam heads up a team of volunteer fundraisers from all over Western Massachusetts. Their fundraising activities began months ago in an effort to raise as much money as possible during this 50th anniversary year. "We'd like to make it a record-breaker," said Sarat. Last year's telethon raised \$403,000.

The money raised at the Telethon funds such Easter Seal services as summer camp, home health care, stroke support groups, technology for independence, physical and occupational therapy, speech therapy, therapeutic swim programs, equipment loan, and information and referral services.

Best local news with US each week

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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, March 7th: Chicken a-laking, egg noodles, mixed vegetables, oatmeal bread, fresh pear.

Tuesday, March 8th: BBQ pork rib, potato fries, green beans, Canadian oat bread, applesauce with raisins.

Wednesday, March 9th: Grape juice, shepherd's pie, carrot coins, whole wheat bread, blackberry muffin

Thursday, March 10th: Baked chicken breast, sweet potatoes, corn, pumpernickel bread, chocolate pudding with whipped topping.

Friday, March 11th: Vegetable lasagna, tossed salad, rye bread, mixed fruit.

(Menu subject to change without notice.)

Jaskulskis Annnounce Birth Of Baby Boy

David and Shelia (Byrne) Jaskulski wish to announce the birth of their son, Ryan Michael, who was born February 11th, 1994. He weighed nine pounds, seven ounces, and measured 22½ inches long.

Welcoming Ryan are maternal grandparents Francis and Gertrude Byrne of Feeding Hills, and paternal grandparents Joseph and Linda Jaskulski of Wastfield

of Westfield.

Forastiere Family Funeral Homes Offering Several Support Groups For Bereaved

"Forastiere's OPTIONS ... for a brighter tomorrow," support groups for anyone in the community who is grieving the death of a loved one, are offered free of charge every month by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes.

As part of their continuous commitment to help those who are grieving, the Forastieres offer two different kinds of support groups: one designed especially and solely for those who have lost a spouse, and another which is open to anyone who is grieving a death.

A support group solely for spouses will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam; and a second group is available on Tuesday, March 22nd, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 181 Elm Street, East Longmeadow.

The support groups which are open to anyone who is grieving a death will be held on Wednesday, March 9th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam; and on Thursday, March 10th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, 7 Somers Road, East Longmeadow.

These support groups are ongoing, 12 months a year. There is no pre-registration, nor commitment to attend. Participants need merely to attend any meeting they choose.

All groups are offered free of charge by the Forastiere Family Funeral Homes and are facilitated by staff Grief Counselor/Educator Lila Forastiere. For further information, call 733-5311.

Theological Society Of Springfield To Hold Program On Jung At Capt. Leonard House

As part of its ongoing lecture series, the Springfield Theosophical Society will present a special program, "Was Jung a Mystic?" The program will be presented by Eleonora Marinaro, a Jungian psychotherapist, on Sunday, March 13th, beginning at 2:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House, 663 Main Street, Agawam (Route 150)

Ms. Marinaro holds a Masters of Science degree in Pastoral Counseling. She has studied in the C.C. Jung Institutes in New York, Boston, and most recently Zurich, Switzerland. The suggested donation for her program is \$5 per person.

The Theosophical Society in Springfield, MA, is a branch of a worldwide organization, founded in 1875, dedicated to the promotion of brotherhood and the encouragement of the study of comparative religion, philosophy, and science to the end that man may better understand himself and his place in the universe. The society stands for complete freedom of individual search and belief.

For more information, please contact either of the following Theosophical Officers: Robbie Cox, President, at (413) 567-8078; or Elaine Kuzmeskus, Vice President, at (203) 668-0373.

St. Joseph's Day Dinner Dance Slated For Polish Club On Saturday, March 19th

A St. Joseph's Day Dinner Dance will be held on Saturday, March 19th, at the Polish American Club of Agawam, 139 Southwick Street (Route 57), Feeding Hills.

Polish and American music will be featured by Gene Wisniewski and his Harmony Bells. Doors open at 6:00 p.m., and a Polish dinner will be served from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dancing will last from 8:00 p.m. until midnight.

Tickets are \$10 each and are by reservation only. Please call Mary at 786-4057; Stacia, 786-6124; Janice, 786-9798; and Julia, 786-0582.

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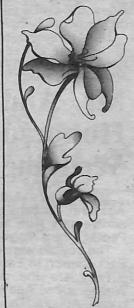
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Ag. Senior Center's Calendar For March

Friday, March 4th: 9:00 a.m. Free diabetic :screening (by appointment)

Wednesday, March 9th: 1:30 p.m. Golden Agers meeting, Chapter 1.

Thursday, March 10th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Salem (by appointment).

Thursday, March 10th: 8:00 p.m. "My Fair Lady"

presentation at Bay Path.

Tuesday, March 15th: 9:00 a.m. S.H.I.N.E. service (by appointment).

Tuesday, March 15th: 10:00 a.m. Mercy Hospital

hearing van (by appointment).

Tuesday, March 15th: 10:00 a.m. Special program. Part two: "Protect Your Assets." Breakfast available for your convenience from 8:30 a.m. (Pro-

gram courtesy of N.Y. Life.)

Tuesday, March 15th: 1:00 p.m. Free blood pressure check (no appointment needed).

Wednesday, March 16th: 9:00 a.m. Podiatry with Dr. Dickert (by appointment).

Thursday, March 17th: 9:00 a.m. Foot care

nurses (by appointment).

Thursday, March 17th: St. Patrick's Day
Celebration. Special menu.

Tuesday, March 22nd: 12:30 p.m. Special program with Mr. Richard Hoover, educator for Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts. Subject -"Medicare, Medex, and More."

Tuesday, March 22nd: 2:00 p.m. Free legal consultation with Teryl Deegan (by appointment).

Tuesday, March 22nd: 4:00 p.m. Council On Ag-

ing monthly meeting.

Wednesday, March 23rd: 1:30 p.m. Golden
Agers meeting, Chapter 1.

Friday, March 25th: 12:30 p.m. Special program with TV personality AI Gag - "Fishing and Fun."

Monday, March 28th: 1:30 p.m. Agawam

Chapter AARP. Tuesday, March 29th: 12:30 p.m. program, presented by Mr. Ed Borgatti, Jr. - "Protecting

Yourself Against Crime. Wednesday, March 30th: 11:30 a.m. "The Lunch Bunch" will be having lunch at the Monte Carlo this month.

"My Fair Lady" ... Excursion!

Once again, Bay Path College-has made an excellent choice to kick off their 1994 theatre

"My Fair Lady" is on tap for Thursday, March 10th (preview night), and reservations are now open. Tickets are only \$4 for senior citizens.

To refresh the memory, songs like "I Could Have Danced All Night," "I've Grown Accustomed To Her Face," and "On the Street Where You Live" are standards from the show.

The show starts at 8:00 p.m. and, as usual, transportation will be available to the handicapped and is limited to 10 passengers on a firstcome basis

Reservations can be made at the Senior Center Ticket Booth from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For more information, call 786-0400, ext. 242 (Sandra Smith, activities direc-

St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Reservations are now open for the annual St. Patrick's Day special menu. Put on a bit of green and share good company, good food, and good music together with friends. Betty and her experienced crew are ready for some good cookin'.

The menu ... corned beef, boiled potatoes, cabbage and carrots, Irish soda bread, and shamrock cake. The Keyboard Tunes will be here for your listening and dancing pleasure. For reservations,

call 786-0400, ext. 242.

How Well Do You Think You Can Hear???

Do you find yourself saying, "What did you say?" often??? Now is the time to find out by using the free clinic at the Agawam Senior Center on Tuesday, March 15th, courtesy of the Mercy Hospital Hearing Mobile Unit.

Please call for appointment, 786-0400, ext. 242.

Protecting Your Assets ... Part Two
Back by popular demand—Mr. Chester
Camoscio, from New York Life, will be back on Tuesday, March 15th, at 10:00 a.m. to offer an update on "Protecting Your Assets" (seven areas). The response was so great last time, that we are asking to please call so that we can plan accor-

dingly Again, breakfast will be available (at a minimal cost) from 8:30 a.m. For attendance and information, call 786-0400, ext. 242 (Sandra Smith, ac-

tivities director).

Changes In Medicare And Medigap Seminar Richard Hoover is the Medex subscriber education consultant at Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Massachusetts. His presentation will contain informational updates and other special briefings for senior citizens. Example include the recent changes in Medicare and Medigap insurance, Medex rates and benefits, physician payment

reform, and more. This special presentation will be held on Tuesday, March 22nd, at 12:30 p.m. (immediately following lunch). For further information, call 786-0400, ext. 242 (activities).

Fishing And Fun ... With Al Gag A long overdue program is on tap for our fishing enthusiasts (both male and female). How lucky can we get? Mr. Al Gag, television personality and host of "Gone Fishing" on Channel 22, has planned a great program for Friday, March 25th, at 12:30 p.m. The topic (of course) will be "Fishing and

Special highlights about our guest are well worth mentioning. Al has earned the national title of "Tackle and Lure Designer." He has lectured nationally on many fishing programs and appears on the "Flying Lure Infomercial" film which appears on TNN. On a personal level, Al is on the board of directors for the local chapter of MDA: (Muscular Dystrophy Association).

The irony of Al Gag's visit is that Al's first program presentation at the Agawam Senior Center will be his first HOMETOWN presentation. We are delighted he found time to join us.

Mark your calendar, fishing enthusiasts—Friday, March 25th, at 12:30 p.m. We suggest having lunch with us that day (baked fish) and then enjoying the program. Call 786-0400, ext. 242, for reservations.

Boston Computer Museum & JFK Library

Here's a trip for the young and young-at-heart ... and that's why we are encouraging you to invite a favorite grandchild or youngster to enjoy this experience with you.

Our first stop will be at the JFK Library, after which there will be a visit to the three-story atrium which overlooks Columbia Point (where a scale model of the White House is on display). This will

be a very timely stop. After our library visit, we are off to the Boston Waterfront, where you will have lunch at Victoria Station. This unusual restaurant is made up of several box cars joined together to create a unique setting. Menu choices are London broil, baked Boston scrod, or teriyaki chicken breast (all: served with salad, potato, soft drink, and dessert). A separate menu is offered to children 12 years of

age and under. A short walk after lunch will bring you to the Computer Museum for a state-of-the-art experience. From the walk-through computer (50 times the normal size) to nearly 100 different hands-on exhibits, this museum is designed to introduce you to the exciting world of computers.

You will also be able to visit the museum's newest exhibit: Tools and Toys-The Amazing Personal Computer. This computer will allow you to spend a million bucks, fly a DC-10 into a volcano, draw on a wall without getting into trouble, be a famous movie star, and lots more.

For more information and reservations, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242 (ac-

tivities department).

Forest Park Zoo Seeks To Gain New Members

The Zoo in Forest Park, which is enhancing its offerings and programs, is currently conducting a drive to greatly increase the numbers of members of the Forest Park Zoological Society, according to its President, Parker E. Hodgman.

Hodgman noted that many new exhibits are being established, including Gibbons (monkey) and Munjac exhibits and a hands-on deer walk-

through area. A grant from the State's Self-Help Program, as well as more limited funds from the City of Springfield and the Zoological Society, is making these many enhancements possible. In addition, funding from the State, with the financial help and support of the Springfield Rotary Club and the Springfield Garden Club, is providing for landscaping which will help create a more natural en-

vironment for the over 200 animals at the Zoo. All interested persons are urged to join the Forest Park Zoological Society at this time. Tax deductible family memberships are \$35 and indeductible family membersh

dividual memberships are \$20. Benefits of membership include free admissions to the Zoo, rides on the Zoo's train, and receipt of the Zoological Society's "Keeping Track" newsletter.

Please mail your membership gifts to the Forest Park Zoological Society, P.O. Box 80295, Springlidd, MA 01138-0295.

Call (413) 733-2251 if you wish further informa-

Swk. High's Class Of '74 Slates 20th Reunion

Southwick: Southwick High School Class of 1974 is planning a 20-year reunion for November 26th, 1994.

Please send us your name, address, and the names and addresses of any classmate as soon as possible!

Information on the reunion will be mailed later this spring. Mail all inquiries to Louise Alberti, 400 McChesney Ave., Apt. 22-10, Troy, NY 12180.

Rollands Announce Birth Of Son, James

Mark and Cori Rolland of Southwick are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Mark, on February 19th, 1994.

Jamie weighed nine pounds and measured 21 inches long. He was welcomed home by his sister, Jillian $(2\frac{1}{2})$.

Maternal grandparents are Sal & Barbara Tessicini of 3 Editha Avenue in Agawam. Paternal grandparents are Lionel & Alice Rolland of 89 Hall Street, Feeding Hills.

Great-grandparents are Ken & Betty Grady of Agawam and Holiday, Florida.

Knights Elated Over Birth Of Son

Kristin (Knight) and Brian Keevan of Turners Falls, Massachusetts, are pleased to announce the birth of their son, Bowen Thomas, born February 19th at Franklin Medical Center.

Bowen weighed eight pounds, 15 ounces Maternal grandparents are Georgene & Thomas Knight, Sr. of Feeding Hills. Paternal grand-parents are Elaine & Thomas Keevan of Douglas.

Great-grandparents are Joan Koessler of Monroe, Michigan and Sophie & Artie Naumiec of

Agawam Lioness Club Slates Next Meeting

The Agawam Lioness Club will hold its next monthly meeting on Monday, March 7th, at the Storrowton Restaurant in West Springfield.

The guest speaker will be Janice Canagallo

from Mercy Women's Pavilion. She will be speaking on women's health issues.

Anyone interested in attending may make reservations by calling Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

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Base in New York. The future bride graduated from Agawam High School in 1988 and is currently attending Southern Illinois University through Plattsburgh Air Force

Both are now serving as Air Traffic Controllers at Plattsburgh Air Force Base in Plattsburgh, New York. and currently attends Clinton Community College. The future bridegroom graduated from Lake Mills High School in 1982

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the historic Captain Charles Leonard House in Agawam. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m. until be heldon Saturday, June 4th, 1994 on the lawn of sored by the Agawam Junior Women's Club, will

from a snack bar on the grounds. Arm be considered fours of the historic around New England. Guided tours of the historic Leonard House will be available, and hourly raffles will be held. Refreshments will be available will be exhibited and sold by craftspeople from Traditional and modern crafts and works of art

proceeds from the Festival will benefit the Agawam Juniors' Scholarship Fund. The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs. All

contacting the Agawam Junior Women's Club, clo Patti Dionne, 58 Stony Hill Road, Feeding Hills, cerning the Arts & Crafts Festival are available by Applications and additional information con-

To Hold Bake Sale Agawam Lioness Club

Please mark your calendars and plan on having dinner with the Lions and dessert from the Lioness Club bake sale. The Agawam Lioness Club will be holding a bake sale on Wednesday, March 16th, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Agawam Middle School in conjunction with the Lions Club's corned beef dinner.

Church News



Timeless Truth For Today...

by Roger Martin, Pastor Agawam Church Of The Bible (786-7908)

Were the Winter Olympics "Magic?" It's A Judgement Call

The 1994 Winter Games are being hailed by many as the "magic Olympics." It is a fitting tribute for games filled with split-second finishes,

underdog victories, and made-for-T.V. drama. "Magic" indeed, but not as magic as Nancy Kerrigan or Torvill and Dean would have liked.
Why? Well, controversial judging kept them from higher medals that they and others believe they deserved. Questionable judgment calls: always a possibility in events that require human judging. Is there any way to eliminate the notenjudging. Is there any way to eliminate the potential controversy created by judges decisions? I've

thought of a few; see what you think:

1) Eliminate events that require "judging." Stick

with a timer and a ruler. 2) Develop and use "computer judges" that process data based on speed, jump heights, and ins-

3) Have each athlete judge his own performance and award the medals accordingly.

Well, numbers (1) and (2) can't be very popular since they limit Olympic events and take away the "artistic" element of the competition. However, (3) has some possibilities, don't you think?

Each individual athlete could score his own per-

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formance. Who is better to judge than the athlete who has trained for years in a particular event and has seen countless presentations? Who is in a better position to evaluate than the person closest to the event? Why haven't we adopted this super idea before?

Well, by now you are questioning my sanity, and with good reason! Yes, the athlete is closest to the "event," a little too close, in fact, to be objective in their judging. Why, Nancy Kerrigan and Oksana Baiul could both give themselves a 6.0, by different standards. You think these Olympics

had controversy!! The suggestion that athletes judge their own events is really absurd, but it is interesting that events is really absurd, but it is interesting that many people use a similar system when judging their standing with God. "Well, I'm a pretty good guy, better than so-and-so. I can't see God judging me." Translation: "On a scale of 1-10, I'm a 7; that should cut it with God."

The problem is that we are not in the position to make an objective judgment. It is too tempting to spotlight our good and ignore the seriousness of our evil. Last week, a referee was heard to say that "next to God, I am the best referee on the planet!" He's right on at least one point; Only God can make a judgment call without mistake.

Listen to His judgment of our behavior: "for all

have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."(The Bible, NIV) Translation: "We are all out of the 'medal round.' However, this is the one Judge who is in a position to change our standing, and because of His love, we can all 'get the

The Bible affirms that "the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (NIV) Jesus died to pay the penalty for your sin and to "remove the blemishes" from your performance.

If you personally accept what Jesus did for you and put your life under His control, your "medal" is a permanent reconciliation with God, complete with freedom, peace, and true satisfaction. Not even Bonnie Blair's five gold medals can touch

Valley Community Lists Calendar For Month Of March

The Valley Community Church Congregational has announced the following calendar of events for the month of March: * Sunday, March 6th

- Church Service and Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Pastor.
- Agawam Girl Scout Sunday Service, 1:00 p.m.

(followed by refreshments in Wells Hall).

* Friday, March 11th

- "Alice in Wonderland," 7:30 p.m. Presented by STAGE at The Red Door Theatre.

* Saturday, March 12th

"Alice in Wonderland," 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Monthly Church Supper, 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Dunn Hall.
* Sunday, March 13th

- Church Service and Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.
Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Pastor.
- "Alice in Wonderland," 2:00 p.m.

* Saturday, March 19th
- Auction, 5:00 p.m. Elaine Hood, Auctioneer.
* Sunday, March 20th

- Church Service and Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Pastor.

Sunday, March 27th Church Service and Sunday School, 10:00 a.m.

Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Pastor.
- Church Pot Luck Luncheon, 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, March 31st - Maundy Thursday Service, 7:00 p.m. Rev. Stephen Dennehy, Associate Pastor.

The Valley Community Church Congregational is located at 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. All are welcome to participate in churchand theatre-related activities and to share in wor-

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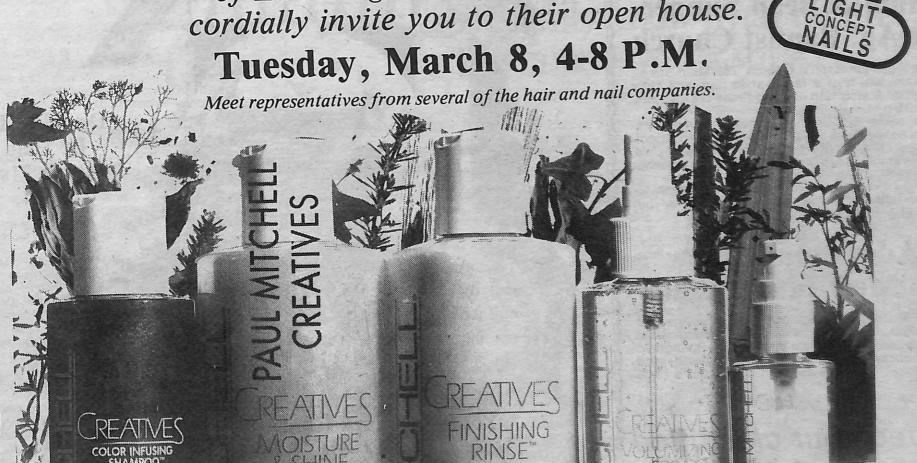
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Ag. Congregational Lists Weekly Events

OUR SEXUALITY, GOD'S GOOD GIFT series for seventh-ninth graders continues Thursday, March 3rd, at 7:30 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, with other sessions on March 10th and 17th.

Rev. Fuller and Corinne Colman, Youth Director, are leading the discussions.

A Lenten Bible Study is being held Wednesday evenings at 7:35 p.m., March 2nd, at the church. A challenging and inspiring book entitled "Passion for the Possible," by Rev. William Sloan Coffin will

be the focus for this Lenten program.

Rev. Fuller will be leading this discussion group. All are welcome to attend.

The 456 Club will be holding their "Tower of Babel" Hair Night on Friday, March 4th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the church.

Everyone in fourth, fifth, and sixth grades are in-

On Sunday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m., we will have our ANNUAL MARIE & NICK ZUCCO SCHOLAR-SHIP DINNER. The ham dinner is sponsored by

There is no cost for the dinner, however, donations are requested as this is a fundraiser for our high school seniors and for those continuing their

A magician will provide the entertainment. Come support our students in their quest to further their education and enjoy a wonderful night of good food, great entertainment, and warm fellowship.

A New Member Class will begin on Sunday, March 13th at 6:00 p.m. and continue the next two Sundays at 6:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to join this class is welcome to

Roast Beef Supper At F.H. Congregational

Operation Friendship of America, a non-profit, youth cultural exchange program sponsored by the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, is having a roast beef supper on Saturday, March 5th, with continuous servings from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the church (located at 21 North Westfield Street, Feeding Hills).

The menu includes juice, tossed salad, roast beef, mashed potato, gravy, vegetable, rolls and butter, beverage, and dessert. Donation is \$7 for adults, \$3.75 for children, and free for youngsters under five years of age. A bake sale will also be held during the supper.

All proceeds from the supper will be used for the organization's youth to travel to Europe this summer. Reservations for the supper can be made by calling JoAnn Fisher at 786-0381.

If you reach an answering machine, please leave your name, the number of reservations, and your telephone number.

Ham & Bean Supper At Ag. Baptist Church

The Agawam Baptist Church, 760 Main Street, Agawam, will host a family-style ham and bean supper on March 12th. Serving times are 4:45 p.m. and 6:15 p.m.

The menu will consist of baked ham, homebaked beans, potato salad, cole slaw, rolls, coffee, tea or milk, and assorted homemade pies. Tickets are \$7 for adults, and \$3 for children under 10 years of age.

For reservations, call 786-8570, 786-8209, or 789-1481. (If you find you are unable to honor your reservations, please call and cancel.)

Adoration Society To Meet In West Side

The Nocturnal Adoration Society of Agawam and West Springfield will meet at Immaculate Conception Church, Main Street, West Springfield to conduct and pray The Office of The Blessed Sacrament, Friday, March 4th from 7:00 to 11:00

All are invited to come and spend an hour in

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First Baptist Church **Welcomes Boy Scouts**

The First Baptist Church and its members joined with Boy Scout Troop 78 to celebrate scout Sunday. The service kicked off when the troops brought in the American and state flags and led the congregation in the pledge of allegiance.

Josh Thomson (a life scout from Troops 1111 and 815) led the congregation in the responsive reading, and Dan Barber (a local Eagle scout) provided the children's story. Members of the troop also served as ushers and greeters. The troop's chaplain, Reverend Tom Twining, provided the sermon, entitled "Never Be Ashamed."
In his sermon, Reverend Twining challenged

the scouts and congregation to never be ashamed of who they really were. Reverend Twining also preached about the history of scouting and the many similarities between scouting and Christianity.

The First Baptist Church, located at 760 Main Street, will continue to add vive to its worship services as we observe this Lenten season.

Rosary Altar Soc. To Hold Mother-Daughter At Ag. 1st Baptist **Communion Supper**

The Mother-Daughter Communion Supper, sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society for all women of the parish and their daughters, will be

held on Tuesday, March 8th. 1994.

The evening will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Dinner will be at 7:00 p.m. at Shaker Farms Country Club, Shaker Road, Westfield.

Tickets for this event may be purchased at the rectory of Sacred Heart Church. The cost is \$7, and the deadline for tickets is after Masses this

The menu for the supper is a choice of chicken Française or baked stuffed scrod. Sister Eileen Sullivan of the Sisters of St. Joseph and of Sacred Heart Parish will be the society's guest speaker for the evening.

Activities At Feeding Hill Congregational

The Reverend Raymond H. Korndorfer's sermon will be "Tables" at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church on Sunday, March 6th.

On Monday, March 7th, at 7:30 p.m., the Rev. Raymond H. Korndorfer will continue the "Basic Christianity Study/Discussion Group." All are invited to attend these sessions during Lent.

The Sunday School of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will again sponsor the Heifer Project International, which is celebrating its 50th birthday in 1994.

This year, the church school will be raising funds to provide rabbits. The Heifer Project will continue through March 20th.

Sunday School classes for all age groups and morning worship are held each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Nursery service is available, and visitors and friends are cordially invited.

March Lenten Agenda

The First Baptist Church of Agawam, 760 Main Street, Agawam Center, is announcing its Lenten Schedule. The 9:30 a.m. Sunday morning sermon topics will include the following:

* March 6th - "Love With No Conditions"

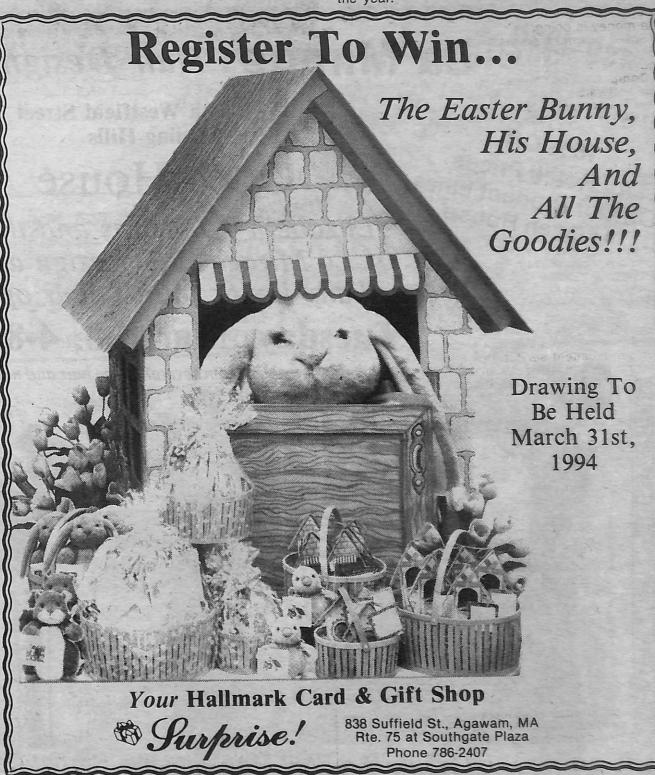
- March 13th "Christ Can Make Men Whole"
 March 20th "Enough To Spare"
 March 27th "The Frustrated Christ"

In addition, special Lenten services will be conducted at 5:15 p.m. on the following evenings. Soup and beverage will be provided, and the services will meet in Davis Hall:

- February 27th "The Way of Faith"
 March 6th "The Way of Self-Denial"
 March 13th "The Way of Love"
 March 20th "The Way of Service"

- * March 27th "The Way of Life Everlasting" Interim Pastor, Rev. Harold Martin, and your

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Spotlight On Business

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Over at Computer Specialities at 300 Springfield Street, Agawam (O'Brien's Corner, on the other side of the auto parts store), Agawam resident Richard Dunn has the experience and knowhow to upgrade your present PC system or to bring one into your home.

Dunn operated his computer business for seven years on Walnut Street before relocating to his present location in space formerly used by The Country Dollhouse. "We offer professional remote, on-site or shop service for IBM and compatible computers. We offer consulting services, phone support, system sales, and solutions," Dunn told us the other day at his store

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When Dunn says "IBM Compatible" this simply means Personal Computers not manufactured by IBM but having the capacity to perform as IBM computers. More and more people who buy Personal Computers, according to Dunn, are using them similar to the SEGA and NINTENDO game systems for the kids.

Computers owners will buy game and entertainment programs complete with speakers for sound and what is called a "joy stick" (used in the same way as the playing pad with the SEGA system). "The programs are in color and can be a great deal of fun for the kids," Dunn said.

But many homeowners are buying PC's to organize finances, including bill paying, bank accounts, credit cards, and to keep track of where the money is going.

Small business are using these systems as a financial manager, including inventory control

and cutting pay checks.

Computer Specialties has both the hardware and software needed to get people going. Hardware, of course, is the actual equipment and accessories (computer keyboard and screen, monitor, printer, table for equipment). Software is the discs and programs and all data programmed

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"Because PCs are still a growing field and getting more popular with homeowners, there is still a perception out there that these systems are too complicated to use and people are afraid of them, just like VCRs maybe 10 or 12 years ago. But as more information comes forward, having a home

computer can be very simple," said Dunn.
So, how much? Well, for a 386 brand computer (last year's model) the starting price without a printer is \$999; with a printer, about \$1,200 will do it. For a 1994 model (486), the starting price without a printer is \$1,299.

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Dunn has noticed a growing group of customers who are coming into his store to upgrade their present systems, whether it be through the software or hardware route. "Your satisfaction is our most valuable asset," Dunn said

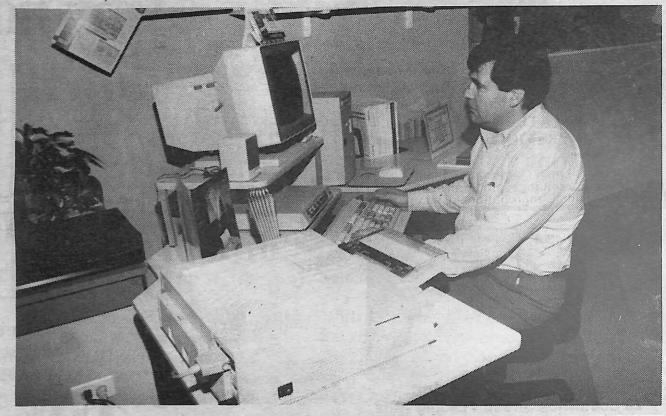
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Century 21 Newschu At "Gold Ball"

CENTURY 21 Newschu Real Estate, Inc. of Feeding Hills, was one of a dozen local CENTURY 21 offices that attended the CENTURY 21 Gold Ball on Friday, February 18th, at the elegant Chez Josef in Agawam.

More than 125 CENTURY 21 sales associates, brokers, and guests from the Greater Springfield area joined together for a festive evening complete with cocktails, dinner, an award ceremony, and dancing. The gala affair was a fitting tribute to the many talented CENTURY 21 agents and business owners who successfully represent buyers and sellers throughout Western Massachusetts.

Kathy O'Shaughnessy, Regional Director for the CENTURY 21 of New England region, was on hand to honor the fourth quarter and year-end recipients.

"The Annual Gold Ball conducted by our Western Mass Brokers' Council is a tremendous opportunity for our region to showcase the talent and hard work that has made CENTURY 21 the best real estate sales organization in the world. We are proud to have such a talented and dedicated team representing CENTURY 21 in the Springfield marketplace," O'Shaughnessy pointed out.

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Considering A Move To Lillehammer?

The 1994 Winter Olympics are now history, and we know a little more about the Olympics' host country—Norway, the most western part of the Scandinavian peninsula (one-third of which is north of the Arctic Circle).

Norway is comprised of 4.3 million people. The country is Western Europe's largest oil producer, and it has one of the world's most expensive economies.

Lillehammer, the host city itself, is one of the country's most beautiful areas. The average home price for a single family detached, three-bedroom home in Lillehammer is about \$94,350 American dollars, compared to \$127,587 in the Agawam/Feeding Hills area (based on recent selling prices of homes reported by the Springfield Multiple Listing Service).

Can you stand the cold? The average temperature in Norway on the east coast in the winter is -20 to -30 degrees Fahrenheit. The west coast is more reasonable, with a range of 0 to 10 degrees Fahrenheit.

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Cleave T. Snow Speaks At Dairy Conference

Cleave T. Snow, a business research analyst at Springfield's Farm Credit Banks, was a featured speaker at the New Jersey Dairy Summit, a one-day conference in Pole Tavern, New Jersey, that addressed issues confronting the New Jersey dairy industry.

The purpose of the meeting was to help New Jersey dairy farmers set a course of action to overcome current business problems, which include falling milk prices, increasing production costs, a shrinking network of local agricultural support services, and changing environmental

Snow, the author of a 1993 report entitled "New ersey Agriculture: Challenges and Jersey Opportunities," provided the gathering of about 80 New Jersey dairy farmers, agricultural professionals, and state legislators with an assessment of the New Jersey dairy industry's current competitive position in the U.S. market.

"New Jersey dairy farmers face a tough challenge," Snow said, "because they operate in the country's most densely populated state and because dairy production in general is shifting

"If New Jersey's dairy farms are to remain competitive, farmers must take an objective look at their strengths and weaknesses, and focus on increasing production per cow and cutting overhead costs."

The summit was sponsored by the Rutgers University Cooperative Extension Service, the New Jersey Milk Industry Association, and the New Jersey Farm Bureau. Snow spoke at a seminar summit in northern New Jersey in early

As a research analyst at Farm Credit Banks, Snow frequently prepares reports on the business status of specific sectors in Northeast agricultural markets.

arm Credit Banks of Springfield oversees a network of cooperative lending associations in New England, New York, and New Jersey. The Farm Credit network is the largest source of agricultural financing in the eight-state region.

Snow, a graduate of Purdue University with a master's degree in agricultural economics, lives with his wife and children in Feeding Hills.

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Springfield Secretaries To Meet March 16th

The Springfield Chapter, Professional Secretaries International will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 16th at Storrowton Tavern, in West Springfield.

A networking session will begin at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The program for the evening will be "New Membership." Recognition plus program awards will be presented and new members will be in-

Professional secretaries interested in becoming affiliated with the Springfield Chapter of PSI are invited to call Kelly Higgins at (413) 744-8591 for information.

Casino Gambling To Be Topic On Agenda For Agawam Chamber Of Commerce Program

On Friday, March 18th, the Agawam Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a discussion on. the economic development in Western Massachusetts that is sure to include the subject of casino gambling, as well as updates on other

ideas involving development.

The moderator for the event will be the popular radio and television personality, Dan Yorke. The four-member panel will consist of State Representative Mike Walsh; Jack O'Neill, Executive Director of the Convention Bureau. Allan Blair Presidents of the Convention Bureau. tor of the Convention Bureau; Allan Blair, President of the Westover Metro Development Corp.; and Jeffrey Cuiffreda, Vice President of the Chamber, Government Affairs.

If you have been wondering what is being done

to improve economic development in Agawam and Western Massachusetts, then this breakfast discussion is a must! The panel members will be asked to answer prepared questions, as well as questions from Dan Yorke and the audience, on what they see being done to improve our area.

This event will be held at the Oaks Banquet House in Agawam from 7:45 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and

the cost for attending this chamber breakfast is \$10 per person. Make checks payable to the Agawam Chamber of Commerce and mail them to: Jean Falk, Chamber of Commerce, 1350 Main

Street, Springfield, MA 01103.

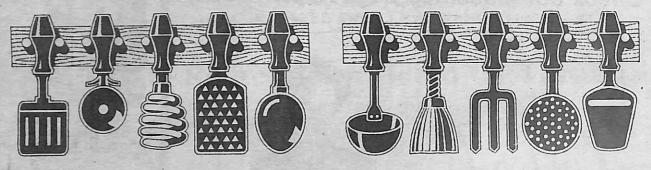
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Milillo says the wars being fought between drivers and potholes this winter has been a particularly tough one. He notes the current trend in wheel alignment is to use computers for the job. This includes a 4-wheel thrust alignment and total 4-wheel alignment.



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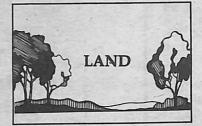
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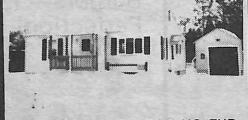
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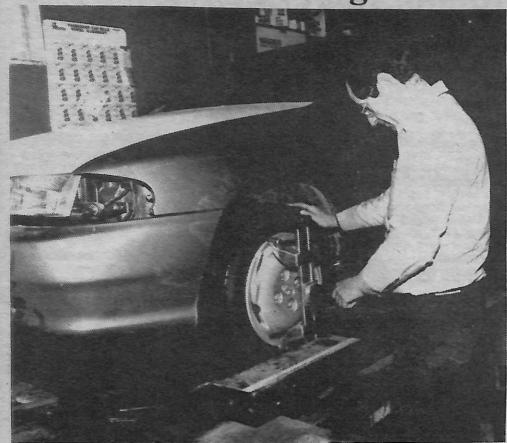
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Time To Fight Back Against Pothole City





MARTY MILILLO, owner and operator of Precision Alignment at 105 Walnut Street, Agawam, is shown aligning the front end of a car. With the horrible winter of 1993-94, the cars have taken a beating and the potholes continue to grow. Protect your car today. SEE RELATED ARTICLE AND PHOTO on previous page. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Westfield Savings Bank Holds Annual Meeting

With an increase of \$21.8 million in assets for 1993, Westfield Savings Bank has completed its most successful year, it was reported on Tuesday evening, February 23rd, by President Donald A. Williams during the bank's annual meeting held at Oak Ridge Country Club. "Total assets at the end of the year amounted to \$406.7 million, a 5.7% increase," Williams noted.

Year-end deposit totals for Westfield Savings "were \$362.1 million," he added, "registering a total increase for the year amounting to \$15.2 million." Net income for the year was an outstanding \$5.8 million, a 4.4% increase. "We recognize the effort and commitment this represents for our staff. They have done an exceptional job," Williams commented.

"In the area of loans, an increase of \$23.6 million was recorded, with the total loan portfolio amounting to \$270.1 million, a 9.6% increase," according to Williams.

"We are looking forward to 1994 as a year of opportunity," Williams continued. "Nineteen-ninety-three was a year in which our efforts of earlier years delivered the results we were all looking for. We are confident that with an improving economy, future results will continue this same upward trend in the months ahead," Williams concluded.

ADVERTISER NEWS

Chunglo Retires From Board Of Trustees



DONALD A. WILLIAMS, president of Westfield Savings Bank (left), congratulates Trustee Charles Chunglo upon his retirement as an active trustee of the bank. Chunglo, formerly sales manager for Western Mass. Electric Company, recently completed 28 years of service as a trustee of Westfield Savings Bank. Since 1975, Chunglo also served as a member of the bank's Board of Investment.

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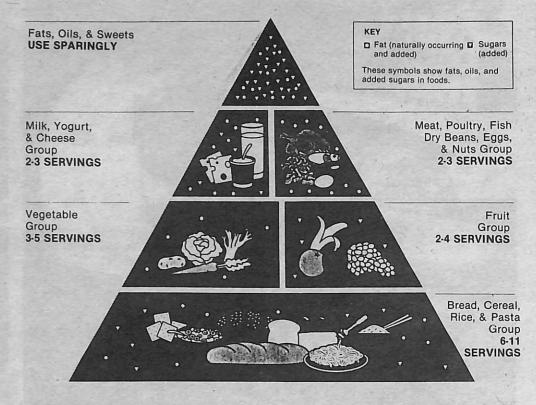
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Breast Cancer Support Group To Meet At Mercy Hospital

The Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital sponsors a Breast Cancer Support Group the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital.

This month, the group first met on Tuesday, March 1st. The next meeting for this month will be held on Tuesday, March 15th.

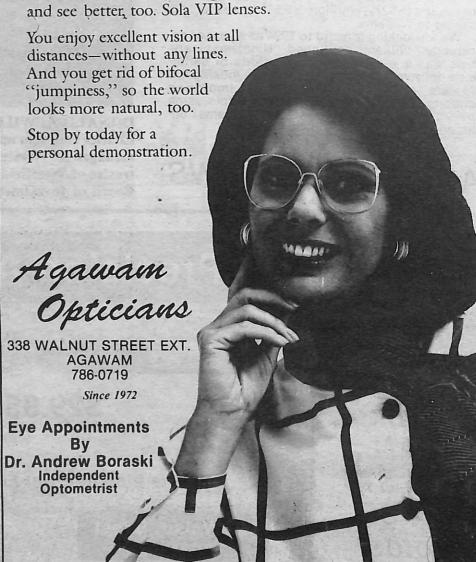
The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery or have been diagnosed as having breast cancer. The group is also open to family and friends who are close to the cancer patient and want to share in their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call 748-9080.

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Childbirth Education Program - A weekly series of seven two-hour classes designed to prepare parents for the birth of their baby by providing information on the physical and emotional aspects of pregnancy, labor, delivery, and baby care. Techniques for relaxation and breathing are covered in depth. The next series of Childbirth Education Classes are scheduled for Mondays, March 7th through April 18th, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Catherine Horan Medical Building, Room 115.

Breastfeeding Class - Taught by certified lactation consultant, Madeline Boland, RN, this program provides information on the benefits and basics of breastfeeding, prevention and treatment of problems, breastpumping techniques, and helpful tips to support a positive and successful breastfeeding experience. This program is being offered on Thursday, March 10th, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. in the Providence Hospital Auditorium.

Moms in Motion - Taught by physical therapy professional specially trained in prenatal exercise, Moms in Motion is a stretching and strengthening program designed to deal with the areas of the body most affected by pregnancy. The program provides fun, fitness, and support to expectant women who have completed their first trimester. This program is scheduled every Tuesday and Thursday, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., in the Catherine Horan Medical Building, Room 115.

Infant/Child CPR - Recommended for parents, parents-to-be, grandparents, and babysitters, this program includes foreign body obstruction (choking) intervention. Participants in this 3½-hour class will meet all of the requirements of the American Heart Association (AHA) certification. This program is being offered on Saturday, March 12th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the hospital

Sibling Class · Aimed at children ages three to 10, this class prepared big brother and sister-to-be for the arrival of a new baby. This class meets on Monday, March 7th, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. in the

Catherine Horan Medical Building, Room 115. For additional information about any or all of the aforementioned classes, call Providence Hospital at (413) 539-2950.

Cosmetic Surgery At Noble Hospital

Dr. Gary Russolillo, cosmetic, plastic, and reconstructive surgeon, will host a Cosmetic Plastic Surgery Program on Saturday, March 19th at 9:00 a.m. The program will be held in Auditorium B, located on the ground floor of Noble Hospital in Westfield.

The Cosmetic Plastic Surgery Program will focus on cosmetic surgery as a safe means of altering facial or body features for corrective, medical, or aesthetic reasons. Dr. Russolillo will discuss the many options available that can improve one's self-image.

Each program begins with a lecture and slide presentation by Dr. Russolillo. Following each presentation, Dr. Russolillo is available for fiveminute, private consultations.

necessary. To register, call ISHIAH Noble's HealthBEAT (568-2328). The program is free and open to the public.

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Baystate Medical Center Offering Support Groups During March

Baystate Medical Center will offer the following support groups planned throughout March: * Depression After Delivery Support Group - March 9th, 7:00 p.m.

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(2229). * Diabetes Support Group - March 15th, 7:00 to

9:00 p.m. Chicopee/Agawam Room of the Centennial Building, free. March topic: "The Do's and Don't's of Foot Care," with podiatrist Dr. Robert

Fleischner. For more information, call 784-4364.

* Better Breathers Support Group - March 8th, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., Executive Offices Meeting Room, free. March topic: Pulmonary Rehab Week Celebration. For more information, call 784-4442.

* Insulin Pump Support Group - March 15th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

West Springfield Room of the Centennial Building, free. For more information, call

* Mother of Twins Meeting - March 7th, 7:00 to

9:00 p.m. Executive Offices Meeting Room, first meeting free. For more information, call 1-800-72-TWINS.

Chrohn's and Colitis Support Group - March

24th, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Auditorium I in the Centennial Building, free. Guest Speaker will be Nancy Ferguson. Topic: "Stress Management for People with Chrohn's and Colitis." For more information, call 736-2422.

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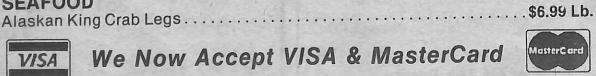
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Room of the Deliso Conference Center.

"Introduction to Diabetes" will be offered on
March 14th at 2:30 p.m. by a nurse educator.

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"Diet and Diabetes," presented by a dietician or nurse educator, will be offered on March 15th at

"Medications Used in the Treatment of Diabetes" is planned for March 16th at 2:30 p.m. by a Mercy pharmacist.

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"Complications Related to Diabetes," offered on March 17th at 2:30 p.m., will be presented by a nurse educator.

Pre-registration is required for the series. For more information, call Patient Education at 748-9024 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Health Lecture At Heritage Hall

Heritage Hall Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is sponsoring a Health Promotion lecture March 16th, 2:30 p.m. at Heritage Hall North's first floor solarium, 55 Cooper Street, Agawam.

floor solarium, 55 Cooper Street, Agawam.
Carolyn Beggs, R.N., director of nursing for Nurses House Call and a nurse practitioner student at Genesis Physician Services will discuss current concerns regarding the Health Care Proxy and its impact on citizens.

The community is welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. Call Regina Bossig at 786-8000 to make your reservation.

CPR Program At Noble Hospital

Noble Hospital will offer a public education program on cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) on Wednesday, March 16th and 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

The course will be held in the Noble Hospital Education Center at 4-6 Mill Street, Westfield. Participants must attend both classes. The program is \$30

For further information or to register, call (413) 568-2811, ext. 529.

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In March, the Blood Bank will be sponsoring a
St. Patrick's Day Drive on Tuesday, March 15th,

from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The drive will be conducted in the Medical Staff Room of the Deliso

Conference Center at the hospital.

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Donors must be at least 18 years-old (17 with parental consent) and weigh at least 110 pounds.

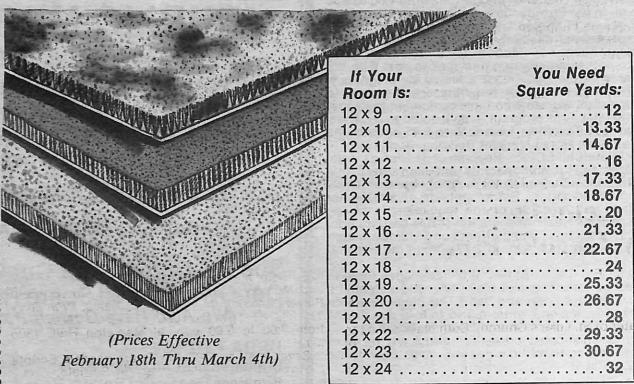
Blood Bank hours are Monday, Tuesday, and Friday, 8:15 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; and Wednesday and Thursday, 8:15 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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Laurie Provost To Exhibit Artwork In March

The Agawam Community Artists (under the auspices of the Agawam Cultural Council) take pleasure in sponsoring an exhibit by area artist Laurie L. Provost. The display will be at the Agawam Post Office for the entire month of

An art educator and artist, Ms. Provost has been a resident of Agawam all her life. She received her B.A. in Art/Graphics from Westfield State College and her Master's Degree in Education from American International College in 1989.

Ms. Provost said her artistic abilities emerged "early in life. As a child, I would draw under coffee tables and on the back of closet doors.

As a teenager, Ms. Provost once took a bunch of balloons and filled them with paint. She threw them from the second floor to a canvas on the ground below. She admits she didn't hit the canvas, but she did have the most colorful front yard in the neighborhood.

As a professional artist, Ms. Provost continues to test her artistic abilities. "Lately, I have been trying a variety of art mediums," she said, adding, "I've been trying to focus my attention and energies into developing my own style.

In the past, Ms. Provost was a "realistic" artist. A good deal of her work consisted of ethnic children and doing people and pet portraits.

"Now I'm starting to incorporate a more impres-

sionistic style into my artwork," she explained.
"I'm going through a 'floral phase' now."

Ms. Provost stated that everything in life is "unique" and lends itself to art. "It seems the more I share my work with others, the greater appreciation I have for art and life," she remarked.

"All art is a learning experience," Ms. Provost continued. "You develop new styles by trying new

Encore Players To Present Two Works By Harold Pinter

The Encore Players will present "The Collection" and "The Lover" on March 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 18th, 19th, and 20th at their new theater at 961 St. James Avenue, Springfield (the lower theater of St. Luke's Church). Both plays are charming, sophisticated creations by the master of subtle humor, Harold Pinter.

"The Collection" will be directed by Jean Burns and features Jim Boyle, Mary Broderick, Chris Daly, and Dave Cavanaugh.

"The Lover" is directed by Arnold Woods and features Amy Nyzio and Joseph Wille.

This is the first time Pinter has been performed by Encore, and both directors and actors are enthusiastic about the opportunity to explore the meanings of Pinter's words and to express the

author's clever verbiage. Curtain time is 8:00 p.m., except for the two Sunday matinees, which will be at 2:00 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$6 on March 10th and the two matinees, to \$7 and \$8 on Fridays and Saturdays.

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She went on to say that most artists are striving for the "perfect" painting, but also stated that most artists will never achieve it because "art is a continual process of self-exploration" and the artist will always find "something in their work that they could have improved on.

Ms. Provost enjoys nature and involving herself. in outdoor activities such as mountain climbing, hiking, camping, photography, and canoeing with her two dogs, Cody and Luke.

A member of Concerned Citizens for Animals

and Pro-Life, Ms. Provost stated that she has "a great respect for all lifeforms. They provide me with an unending supply of artistic inspiration," she explained.

When asked about the people who inspired her, she answered, "My family and friends have always been a source of encouragement. Professors at Westfield State College, especially Pat Conant (my mentor)," she continued, "taught me to look at the world differently. As an artist, I'm conscious of the colors, forms, construction, and composition of my environment.'

Ms. Provost concluded by saying that she felt that "God has given each of us a talent, and I'm thankful for the one he gave me."

A member of the Agawam Community Artists and the Springfield Art League, Ms. Provost has exhibited at area art shows such as the Baystate West Art Show, the Agawam Public Library, Mercy Hospital Gallery, and the Agawam Community Artists' Art Show.

Anyone interested in artwork of Laurie Provost or the Agawam Community Artists can contact Beverly Secondo-Wands at 786-0138, or DeBorah A. Allen at 786-6087.

Musical Auditions Set By Suffield Players

Suffield: Musical auditions will be held Sunday and Monday, March 13th and 14th, for Suffield Players' musical/monster/melo-drama, "T'm Sorry The Bridge Is Out, You'll Have To Spend The Night," from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Ave., Suffield.

Seven men and 12 women are needed. Scripts are available at Kent Library in Suffield. Come prepared to sing.

Show dates are May 5th, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, and 21st.

For more information, call (413) 569-0318 or (413) 592-3755.

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AGAWAM ARTIST LAURIE L. PROVOST will be exhibiting her artwork at the Agawam Post Office during the month of March.

First Friday Series To Present Slide/Lecture **Program About Paris**

The Agawam Cultural Council is pleased to present Gerald W. Beauchesne, teacher of French and Spanish at West Springfield High School, with a slide and lecture program titled "A Summer in Paris." The travelogue program will also include the cathedral of Chartres, the palace of Versailles, and Monet's gardens at Giverny. This presentation is part of the First Friday Series sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council.

Mr. Beauchesne has travelled extensively throughout France. He has been the recipient of several fellowships for advanced study in foreign languages. He studied at Arcachon near Bordeaux, France, and received a fellowship from the French government for summer study at the University of Nice.

Mr. Beauchesne was one of 15 teachers chosen from throughout the United States to be awarded a fellowship by the National Endowment for the Humanities to study in Paris. The subject of this fellowship was the 17th century playwright

Mr. Beauchesne received his Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Montreal in French

and philosophy, and his Master's degree in French from the University of Massachusetts.

Please join us for "A Summer in Paris" on Friday evening, March 4th, 1994 at 7:30 p.m. in the community room of the Agawam Public Library. The program is free to the public through a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council through the Massachusetts Cultural Council

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ON VIDEO

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With yet another major winter storm soon to pound New England, here are some video suggestions to help you survive what is being foreseen as the biggest storm in 20 years.

Be careful commuting to the video store.

* Ghostbusters

Director: Ivan Reitman. 1984. Rated PG. 1 hour and 47 minutes. Starring: Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd, Sigourney Weaver, Harold Ramis, Annie Potts, Ernie Hudson, William Atherton, and Rick Moranis.

Who could ever forget the hilarious story of three men who make a living "unhaunting" haunted buildings? I'm sure most of you have seen it, but it is quite enjoyable as a replay.

There are some great special effects in the film, most of which concern the wacky ghosts. Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd steal the show simply because of their successful comedic chemistry.

Also of note are Sigourney Weaver's and Rick Moranis's portrayals of possessed souls. The popular main theme to the film is sure to evoke some memories, also.

The crazy but spectacular conclusion to the film will also make you satisfied. You will laugh throughout the film while being dazzled by the special effects. Combine all this with the pioneering comedic talent of the cast, and you can understand why Ghostbusters is the perfect "snowbuster"! 3½ STARS. (14 years and up.)

* Saturday Night Fever

Director: John Badham. 1977. Rated R. 1 hour and 54 minutes. Starring: John Travolta, Donna Pescow, and Karen Lynn Gorney.

You all remember the neon-lit floor, the white leisure suit, and the Bee Gees's music. This hit from the late 70's cashes in on the era when disco

dancing was the hottest thing since sliced bread. John Travolta plays a young man who strives to be a dancer. Within what is a very coherent and entertaining form of storytelling is a soundtrack by the Bee Gees (including such memorable hits as "Stayin' Alive," the immortal signature tune for the film).

Even if you hated the disco era, the film has enough mass appeal to make you happy. It certainly will heat up a stormy night.

So forget the snowblower, forget the ice chipper, forget the rock salt, and make some hot chocolate and let Travolta work up the sweat in the dance classic that helped define an era people remember with either a smile or contempt! 3½ STARS (18 years and up.) STARS. (18 years and up.)

Director: Tony Scott. 1986. Rated PG. 1 hour and 49 minutes. Starring: Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis, Val Kilmer, Anthony Edwards, and Tom Skerritt.

"High-flying" excitement accents this hit about the perils of Navy fighter flying. Tom Cruise stars as Maverick Mitchell, who is determined to be the best pilot of all.

The film's strongest point is the dazzling aerial photography partnered with a pulse-pounding soundtrack. Strong acting and a reasonably strong script make the film enjoyable.

I hesitate, however, to get your hopes up wrongly and call it a milestone film. It really doesn't do anything new; it follows the technique of moviemaking that conductor John Williams is famous for. Spectacular music acts as the narrator during the high-intensity scenes. The only difference is that a non-music soundtrack is used difference is that a pop-music soundtrack is used instead of classical music like Williams performs.

Also, as is quite common today, the film is yet another potentially awesome visual for the younger generation that is marred by an unnecessary sex scene. It is a shame because the kids could enjoy

the stunning photography, too.

Overall, *Top Gun* works. It's technique is not original, but that doesn't mean it doesn't work. Rent it for fun and you'll be thoroughly satisfied; but if you cost it looking for something unique and

hent it for fun and you'll be thoroughly satisfied; but if you rent it looking for something unique and original—sorry, folks, but you've seen all this before. **3 STARS.** (18 years and up.)

(EDITOR'S NOTE: If you have any suggestions for movie-related themes that you'd like to see discussed in this column, send them to Lou in care of *The Agawam Advertiser News*, P.O. Box 263, Feeding Hills, MA 01030.)

Hilltop Players To Present "Oliver"

"Where Is Love," "It's A Fine Life," and "I'd Do Anything" are familiar musical numbers for the smash Broadway musical "Oliver," which is to be presented by the area's newest community theatre group— have alled players.

The Players have scheduled the run of this delightful family musical for two weekends only on April 8th, 9th, 15th, and 16th at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, April 10th, at 2:00 p.m.

The Hilltop Players were organized by Reverend Robert Murray in 1992 as a theatre arts component of the Valley Community Church Performing Arts Center. The Hilltop Players have since then put on several performances at The Red Door Theatre, located in the recreation building next to the church. The group's most recent venture was

the rock/gospel musical "O Happy Day," which enjoyed a successful run this past holiday

enjoyed a succession full tills pack season.

"Oliver" boasts a large cast of 30 performers and includes such familiar area actors as Lyle Pearsons as Fagin, Margie Secora as Nancy, Ed Gogulski as Bill Sikes, John Stacy as Mr. Bumble, and Debbie Randzio as Widow Corney. Featured in the title role of Oliver is Corey Lagunowich of Hamden, and Jesse Randzio of Southwick will perform the part of the Artful Dodger. perform the part of the Artful Dodger.

Pearsons and Secora, who operate the young people's theatre company STAGE out of The Red Door Theatre, are also taking the reins as artistic and musical directors, with Marcy Secora as

musical accompanist. If you would like to reserve tickets for the show or assist the group in some "house" or backstage capacity, call the ticket service number at (413) 789-2026. All tickets are only \$5, and proceeds go to be sofit the Valley Community Church and the to benefit the Valley Community Church and the

Performing Arts Center. For additional information on The Hilltop Players, contact Lyle Pearsons at (203) 668-0858.

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THIS WEEK AT THE MOVIES

by Christine Piesyk Advertiser News Staff

-Reality Bites

There's an old jingle that goes like this: When everything old is new again...
The problem with *Reality Bites* is that its premise

is not only old, it's stagnant.

Reality Bites brings to mind the 60s: a time of disheveled hair, platform shoes, ragbag clothes and random attempts at finding oneself, and finding a way to mix ideals and the reality of earning a living.

Reality Bites takes a lesson-albeit poorly learned from Woody Allen-using a cinema verite (a fancy name for rough home movies) to show snipets of everyday life as lived by four long-time friends who are graduating from college.

Winona Ryder is the aspiring friends' filmmaker who is hoping her film will win her fame, if not fortune. In the meantime, she's working for a cheap

TV talk show with an arrogant MC.

She's caught in the crossfire between school life and the working world when she meets a yup-pie who is the polar opposite of her friends. For starters, he wears a suit and drives a good car.

She moves between two worlds, splitting her time three ways among friends, job, and new boyfriend. She never notices that jealousy has reared its ugly head, and that her shaggy-haired male best friend is actually in love with her.

But the real bottom line is, who cares? Reality Bites is gritty, but not the kind of grit with a message attached; it's just grimmy grit. It's about paying the rent on what's left after taxes on a minimum wage paycheck, and making "The GAP" a career move. It's about big breaks gone awry and selling out to commercialism. It's supposed to be about finding out what and who really matter in life. The problem with this version of that old story is, who cares?

Reality Bites tries to tell it like it is in the 90s: the age of AIDS testing and downsizing, of kids graduating to a job-poor economy, and divorced parents battling each other as they try to either buy the kids off with BMW's or force them to crash on their own. It's lost disappointments and lost dreams vented on an audience already pummelled with a winter's worth of cabin fever. The odd juxtaposition of bad video, bad TV, and boring stereotypical charcaters is simply a mess. Reality bites; it just doen't have any teeth.

-8 Seconds

The unheralded 8 Seconds is a nice litle movie about a rodeo hero who rides an unrideable bull—a childhood hero whose perpetual grin hides childhood sorrows.

Beginning with footage of a child in cowboy boots learning to ride on a bale of bouncing hay, it grows up to adolescence-a continual search for paternal approval from a father who always expects a little bit more than his good-natured son

8 Seconds gives viewers a birds-eye view of the rodeo circuit and the cowboys who make their living on the backs of raging bulls and bucking horses. It gives us a little bit of happiness about young love; a bit of wistfulness about the things that always seem beyond our reach; and few lessons about what's really important in life.

It's tragedy that leaves us with a little glow of happiness because its hero was something special, though for too short a time.

8 Seconds is not a great film, but it's a nice way



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CHARLIE THE CHIPMUNK (Mark DaSilva of Agawam) and Fern will be premiering at the Academy of Music in Northampton.

Mark DaSilva Of Ag. In Children's Show

Stars will shine when THE FERN AND CHARLIE CHIPMUNK INTERGALACTIC SPACE SHOW premieres at The Academy of Music in Northamp-

ton on Sunday afternoon, March 13th at 2:00 p.m.
Produced by Fern's Music, the concert is being staged as a benefit for preschools in the four 'Hampton towns.

Fern stars with her chipmunk, Charlie, in this multi-media show celebrating cultural diversity on an intergalactic scale. Charlie is actually Agawam resident Mark DaSilva. DaSilva also has created

the show's four little alien puppets.

Her fanciful encounter with the four little aliens from another galaxy exemplifies non-violent in-

The show's theme features a cross-cultural exchange of unique gifts and insights. Music, art, literature, and dance highlight Fern's live performance. The result is a multimedia event innovative in children's entertainment today.

As an Early Childhood Specialist, Fern has presented countless musical events for young children throughout New England. She has delighted audiences as the featured children's entertainer at Riverside Park for the past three years. Her INTERGALACTIC SPACE SHOW will leave children and adults with a smile.

Agawam Resident Geraldine Stirlacci Starring In "Women's Night Of Comedy"

"A Women's Night of Comedy," starring Geraldine Stirlacci of Agawam and Julie Barr of Medford, will be hosted by the Springfield and Westfield Business and Professional Women's Clubs and Alice Stelzer of Women Unlimited magazine on March 22nd at the Monte Carlo Restaurant, 1020 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

The evening begins with networking from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m., followed by a veal parmesan dinner

and the comic performances.

Stirlacci hails from Springfield, and her vivid childhood memories and experiences provide the base for her distinctive humor. She served in the Navy, and upon returning to civilian life, resumed her education and earned a Master's in Social Work degree.

She has worked as a case worker for developmentally delayed adults, an outreach specialist for Vietnam veterans, and for the past decade as a social worker for the Valley Infant Development Service, working with children and

'My experience as a cancer survivor provides me with a special ability to see the humor in our pain," she said.

Barr is a comedian/actress, and has performed in more than 200 clubs and colleges. In addition, she has performed at Catch A Rising Star in New York, The Improv in Atlanta, Georgia, and Nick's Comedy Stop in Boston.

She has also been featured on Comedy Central. Barr has been hailed as "one of the new up and coming comics to watch," by the Boston Herald.

Cost of the dinner and program is \$15.
Persons wishing to attend may contact
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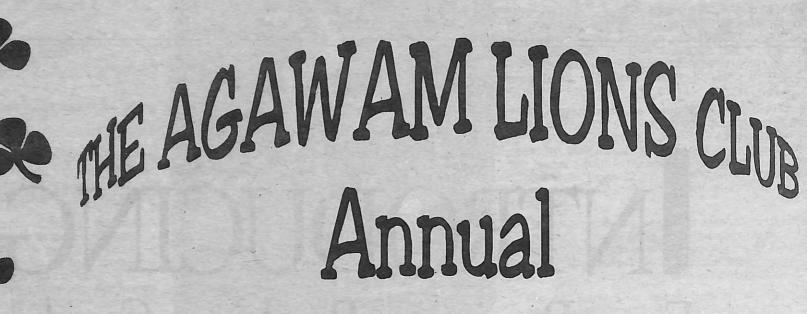
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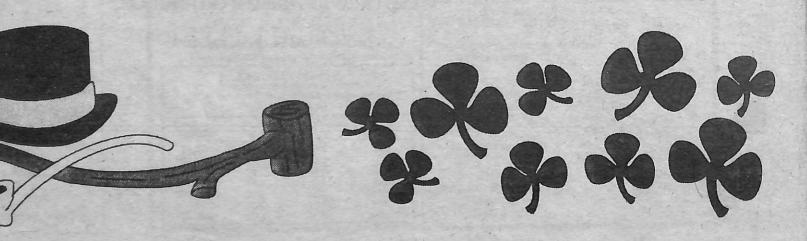
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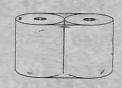
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MARCH 1 - PLANNING BOARD OK'S APART-MENTS DESPITE PROTESTS

The Planning Board voted Wednesday to recommend to the Town Council two applications

for apartment zoning to build condominiums despite previously demonstrated adamant public opposition to further apartment construction.

The board approved the application of John Stanley, president of Gasland Corp. for a zone change at the corner of South and Suffield Streets for construction of condominiums, and the Vehicles for construction of condominiums, and the Vahe Bilizikjian for 12 acres of condominiums in the area of 335 School Street, John Beltrandi, realtor.

The Gasland application was recommended on a 3-1 vote, with members Chester Nicora, Albert Bonavita, and John Burns in favor, Paul Fieldstad opposed, and Chairman Charles Calabrese abs-

The Bilezikjian application was recommended on a 3-2 vote, with Nicora, Bonavita, and Burns in favor and Fieldstad and Calabrese opposed. MARCH 1 · TOWN REJECTS METCO PROGRAM

The School Committee has voted unanimously not to participate in the METCO program next

Commenting on the invitation from Supt. of Schools John Deady of the Springfield School Department, Robert Gardner, Agawam superintendent, said, "To entertain another program in our schools at this time would be

Gardner said new construction and inclusion of kindergarten next year would fill the schools without adding METCO students. Agawam joins Ludlow and Westfield in turning down the program which buses black students from the inner city to suburban schools.

MARCH 2 - BOWLES AIRPORT URGED AS REGIONAL DUMP SITE The long-awaited final version of the Maguire

Report, a state-sponsored study of solid waste disposal in the lower Pioneer Valley, has recommended Bowles Airport in Agawam for a regional sanitary landfill site.

The site would serve Springfield, Agawam, West Springfield, East Longmeadow, and Longmeadow, all of which are included in the Springfield. ingfield sub-district of the Maguire study.

The proposal elicited cries of protest from Agawam officials, who enlisted the support of West Springfield and Springfield officials to op-

pose the recommendation.

MARCH 5 - SPRINGFIELD DECIDES TO PUSH
BONDI'S ISLAND FOR DISPOSAL PLANT

Springfield intends to go ahead with a regional waste disposal facility on Bondi's Island in Agawam despite recommendations in the Maguire reported that Bowles Airport be used as

Springfield has been granted a variance by the Agawam Board of Appeals allowing garbage to be dumped along with solid waste at Bondi's Island.

Wylie Hubbard, Springfield Superintendent of Streets and Engineering, said he feels Springfield can begin the landfill operation this year, and the next step would be considered a shredding facility. This, Hubbard said, would allow the city and Western Mass. Electric Co. to determine how much it would cost to incinerate shredded refuse.

MARCH 6 - COUNCIL APPROVES HEALTH STUDY

Town Council voted Monday night to appropriate \$1,600 for a study of the town's health needs and existing health services and to recommend ways of setting up a town health depart-

The council suspended its rules prior to voting for the study to allow Andrew Gallano, Western Mass. Coordinator for Elderly Affairs, to speak in support of the health study.

Gallano said the town's present health services were "wholly inadequate," and called for expanded health and social services for retired and elder-

ly town residents in particular.

MARCH 7 - ASSOCIATION WILL MEET ON

WEDNESDAY TO ORGANIZE

An organizational meeting of the Athletic Association will be held tonight at 8:00 in the town hall hearing room.

The association is the corporate name for the former Brownie semi-pro football team of the late 40's and early 50's.

The semi-pro football team of past days will be replaced with six teams, all amateur, in the town football league. A year-round sports program for girls will be undertaken in the areas of softball, soccer, and basketball.

The new association will work closely with Jack Kunasek, Park and Recreation Department director. The association is being brought back with a new look, said Gerald Mason, currently prime

mover in the new organization.

MARCH 8 - MASSIVE HUNT FOR HISTORYWORTHY STRUCTURES

The Historical Association will begin distributing survey forms to homeowners of older structures in an all-out attempt to preserve historically significant buildings and land site in the town, Richard J. Curry, president, said today.

In addition to the survey, the Historical Association has recommended to Manager Westman that a study group be appointed to recommend areas of town for designation as "historical districts."

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Science Cartoons On **Exhibit Thru March At** Spfld. Science Museum

Artist Sidney Harris will display his science cartoon exhibit entitled "The Funny Side of Science" at the Springfield Science Museum from February

17th through March 20th.
His exhibit will contain approximately 70 of his published cartoons, which all make light of the science world. He is able to see the humor in topics such as particle physics, computers,

astronomy, evolution, and mathematics.

Harris, a resident of New Haven, Connecticut, attended Brooklyn College as an art pupil but dropped out after 18 months. He knew he wanted to use humor in his career, but thought he would end up writing funny stories.

Instead, he discovered that he could draw faster than he could write, and he spent several

years experimenting with cartoons.

Nearly 25 years ago, Harris saw a copy of American Scientist, which was just changing from a scholarly journal into a popular science magazine. He sent them some cartoons and his new career was launched. Harris has had a car-

toon in every issue of the magazine since.

Harris has been displaying his cartoons in many science and natural history museums in the United States and Canada since 1985. His exhibit has run for two months in museums such as San Francisco's Exploratorium and Pittsburgh's Carnegie Museum of Natural History. It has also run for up to seven months in the new Liberty

Science Center in New Jersey.
Some of his cartoons can be seen in wellknown science periodicals such as Discover and John Hopkins Magazine, as well as general interest periodicals such as The New Yorker and Playboy. "The Funny Side of Science" is supported in

part by the Xeric Foundation.

The Science Museum is located at the Quadrangle on the corner of State and Chestnut Streets in downtown Springfield. Hours are Thursday through Sunday, 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Admission is \$4 for adults, \$1 for children ages

six to 18, and free for children under six years of age and members of the Springfield Library and Museums Association. (Fridays are free with a current Springfield Library card.) The single admission fee provides entry to all four museums at

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"Alice in Wonderland" Set To Premiere At The Red Door Theatre

STAGE's latest theatre camp endeavor will be Lewis Carroll's fantasy "Alice in Wonderland," adapted for the stage by Lyle Pearsons and scheduled to run Friday, March 11th, at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 12th, at 2:00 and 7:30 p.m.; and Standay, March 12th, at 2:00 p.m. at The Bad Door Sunday, March 13th, at 2:00 p.m. at The Red Door

The production culminates a six-week, after-school theatre camp involving 27 area young peoschool theatre camp involving 27 area young people who will be playing such favorite Carroll characters as The Cheshire Cat, The White Rabbit, The Queen of Hearts, and of course, Alice.

For the past six years, STAGE, founded and directed by Margie Secora of Southwick and Lyle Pearsons of Suffield, has produced over 30 young people's player and sorviced bundreds of young

people's plays and serviced hundreds of young people, ages five to 15, who have an interest in the theatre arts.

This company, which recently was given a Moss Hart Special Recognition Award for its outstanding production of "The Boy Who Stole The Stars," presents theatre camps, workshops, and full-scale productions throughout the year at their home, The Red Door Theatre.

Located high atop the hill in Feeding Hills Center, MA, at 152 South Westfield Street, The Red Door Theatre has been a constant source of fine theatrical entertainment from such groups as the Agawam Repertory Theatre, The Hilltop

Players, and Theatre Project.

If you would like more information on The Red Door Theatre or wish to reserve tickets for "Alice in Wonderland," call (413) 789-2026. Tickets are \$5

and reservations are strongly recommended.
For more information on STAGE, contact Lyle Pearsons at (203) 668-0858.

Agawam Resident In Bay Path College Show



PAUSING DURING REHEARSAL for the Bay Path College Theatre Arts Department production of My Fair Lady are Gregg O'Neill of Agawam and Bay Path students from left -Lisette Thompson, Carla Armstrong, and Susan Bushey. The Lerner and Loewe musical, featuring Bay Path students in all female roles, will be presented in Mills Theatre, Carr Hall (on the campus) from March 9th to March 19th. Call the Box Office weekdays from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m., 567-0621.

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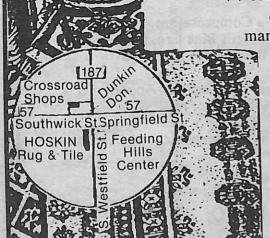
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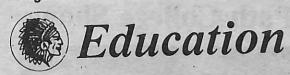
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In The Olympic Spirit, Granger School Holds Own Version Of Games

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

Citius, Altius, Fortius. Sound like Greek to you? Well, maybe that's because it is Greek! Need a translation? Ask any third or fourth grader at Granger. Not only will they tell you the phrase means, "Swifter, Higher, Stronger," they will identify it as the motto of the Olympic Games dating back to their origin in ancient Greece.

means, "Swifter, Higher, Stronger," they will identify it as the motto of the Olympic Games dating back to their origin in ancient Greece.

While the rest of us have been keeping track of Team USA's quest for gold medals in Lillehammer, Norway, third and fourth graders prepared to go for the gold in the first ever Granger Olympics held on Friday, February 18th in the school's gym. Under the direction of Physical Education together Paul Bachini, the students worked for a

Under the direction of Physical Education teacher Paul Bachini, the students worked for a month to present and compete in their own Olympic Games, complete with opening and closing ceremonies.

Principal Phyllis Lewis noted, "Mr. Bachini did a great job. This is very appropriate timing. It's a great way to bring current events into the school."

Gym Transformed Into Olympic Stadium
The students transformed the gym into an Olympic stadium with their posters, signs, and banners dedicated to the spirit of friendly competition and good sportsmanship that are the hallmarks of the Olympic athlete. An official Olympic Scoreboard on stage and the five rings of the Olympic symbol helped create an authentic atmosphere for the games.

Dropping in on the afternoon's sporting events, Athletic Director Kathleen McSweeney voiced her approval of the games. "I think this is great, especially tying it in with the Olympic games in

Norway."
In addition to competing in athletic games, the children vied for gold medals in a contest based on their knowledge of the origin of the Olympic Games and on questions relating to the Lillehammer Games.

Carrying banners made by each class, the children marched into the gym in a procession with Olympic theme music playing in the background.

Fourth graders Desiree Marsili and Kathryn Feato recited the Olympic oaths for athletes and officials to open the games.
Students Served As Time-Keepers & Scorers

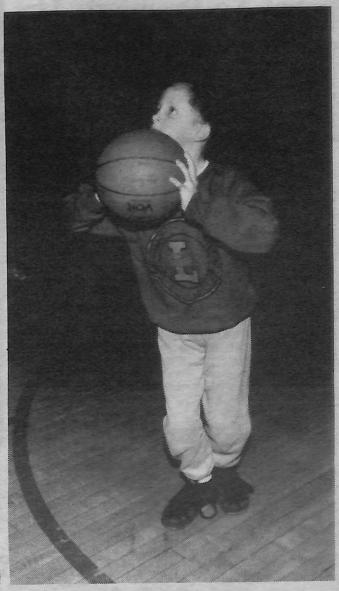
In addition to participating in the games as athletes, the students served as time-keepers and official scorers. Fourth grade teacher Peg Hathaway said, "This has been fantastic for the sportsmanship and spirit of cooperation the children have shown. Mr. Bachini trained them to do everything. The fourth grade made the medals for the third graders and they made the medals for the fourth graders."

Among the events the children competed in were the One-minute Rope Jump, Pull-Ups, One-minute Basketball Throw, and Medicine Ball

According to the students, the most exciting events were the Giant Slalom and the Mixed Combined Slalom scooter races.







SHOOTING BASKETS at the Granger School's Olympic Games are Nicki Gessay (left) and Justin Coelho. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Parent's Night Slated At Ag. Junior High

Agawam Junior High School principal Kevin C. Littlefield announces that a spring Parent's Night will take place on Monday, March 7th, 1994 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

At that time, all parents will be able to sign-up for brief five-minute conferences with teachers and staff members.

Mr. Littlefield points out that the spring Parent's Night will afford parents an excellent opportunity to visit with teachers and to review their child's academic progress.

Amy LaPlante Makes Bryant Dean's List

Amy LaPlante, daughter of David & Susan LaPlante of 18 Karen Lynn Circle, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List for the 1993 fall semester at Bryant College with a 3.5 grade point average.

Ms. LaPlante is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and is currently a sophomore majoring in accounting.

Students must attain a grade point average of 3.2 or higher to be named to the Dean's List at Bryant College.

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AHS Band Parents Sponsor Annual Supper





INDOOR GUARD COACH Claudine Bouchard and Dorothy Graveline enjoy their meal at the Agawam High Band Parents' Annual Supper; IN PHOTO RIGHT, band members Kim Faust, Rob Settembro, and Danielle LaBarre were serving salad. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.





SELLING AHS BAND SHIRTS are band parents Jim & Joyce Limbert at the Annual Band Parents' Supper; IN PHOTO RIGHT, band members Justin Casinghino, Ben Griffin, and Dave Loysong perform for the large crowd. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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AHS Language Dept. **Preparing For Annual** International Week

The Language Department at Agawam High School is in the midst of preparations for the celebration of National Foreign Week, March 7th-

11th.
Sponsored by ACTFL (American Council for the Teaching of Foreign Language) and MaFLA (Massachusetts Foreign Language Association), Foreign Language Week is recognized throughout the United States to encourage the study of languages and to show the appreciation of the diversity of cultures in this country.

A number of activities have been planned for Agavam High School.

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Students will participate in a Trivia Contest, a Mystery Voice/Mystery Band Contest, Latin is Everywhere, and a Scavenger Hunt.
During class, students will hear speakers from the AHS faculty, AFS representatives, and guests from the community. The cafeteria will be serving a special menu of ethnic foods to help with the week's celebration. On Thursday of that week, students will be encouraged to wear T-shirts with students will be encouraged to wear T-shirts with

some kind of foreign language printing.
On Thursday evening, March 10th, the Foreign
Language Culture Night will be held in the school

cafeteria with students and their families sharing a variety of ethnic desserts (6:30 to 7:30 p.m.).

Language Department members will give special awards to some of their outstanding language students. Student projects will be on display and winners of the poster, poem, and travel brochure contests and Scavenger Hunt will be announced.

Jr. Women's Club To **Sponsor Essay Contest** For Middle School Kids

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring an essay contest for all Agawam Middle School students, entitled "Nassau Comes to Agawam." Each essay must be a minimum of one page and not more than two, and will be judged on creativity, originality, legibility, and content.

The essay should include what five items a student would take with them to the moon and why. Entries must be submitted to the Middle School office no later than March 4th; winners will be announced prior to April 4th.

Several prizes will be awarded, including a \$50 savings bond. Rules have been sent home with all

Middle School students. Anyone wishing another copy, please call Donna. Shibley at 786-3888, or Betty Vershon at

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs of

UNICO & Lions Donate To Childhood Center



IN TOP PHOTO, Dennis Marchetto from Agawam UNICO is presenting Andrea Brinnel, the Lead Teacher at the Agawam Early Childhood Center, with a check to be used to help finance a field trip to the Holyoke Children's Museum. Looking on is Dr. John Brosnan, director of Special Education for Agawam Schools. IN PHOTO BELOW, Robert Gravel, president of the Agawam Lions Club, and George J. Scheagel (right), representing the Boys & Girls Community Committee of the Lions, present Andrea Brinnel and Dr. Brosnan (who serves as the center's acting principal), with a check used to help finance a field trip to the Holyoke (who serves as the center's acting principal), with a check used to help finance a field trip to the Holyoke Children's Museum. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Agawam High Guidance Report

by Paul C. Cavallo Chairman

Guidance Counselors Visit Junior English Classes

This past Tuesday, our counseling staff visited with junior English classes and discussed the May SATs, the College Fair, and an SAT Preparation Course. The week before vacation, every senior was given written information about the Scholarship Fair.

For the purpose of refreshing everyone's memory, I will outline the details of these events.

(1) May SATs for juniors - A registration bulletin has been given to juniors for the May 7th SAT. The registration form must be completed with a number 2 pencil and mailed no later than April 1st in order to avoid a late penalty charge. The sooner the registration form is mailed, the better the student's chance of getting Agawam High School for his/her test site. Guidance has no control over the student's test site. Every student received a sample test booklet which contains an SAT exam. This can be used for practice.

(2) The Agawam Adult Education Program is offering an SAT Preparation Course which will begin on Tuesday, March 15th, 1994. It is open to the first 30 students who register. The registration fee is \$50.00 and includes the text. As of this writing, 12 students have registered for the class. We have informed all juniors about this class. The class will meet for seven Tuesdays (except April vacation) from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Students can register in the guidance office during the school

(3) The College Fair will be held on Sunday, March 13th, and Monday, March 14th, at The Big E. We plan to offer juniors the opportunity to visit the Fair on Monday from 8:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Over 200 schools and colleges will be represented. In order to attend, the students must return a signed permission slip and \$1.50 for the bus by Wednesday, March 9th. Each junior has been given a College Conference Manual about

and parents of seniors ... the Scholarship Fair will be held on Tuesday, March 8th, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Over 50 organizations will be represented. We will give each senior a list of the scholarships and the criteria for eligibility for each scholarship on Monday, March 7th. They should share this information with parents. In many cases, parents will know if a student qualifies.

GUIDANCE BULLETIN COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES: Congratulations! Amanda Sunny - Wheaton College. Dina Scirpo - Lynn University. Kim Hayes - Assumption College. Joe Scherpa · Northeastern University, WNEC.
Nina Giordano · Sacred Heart University.
Deana Bracci · AIC.
Cynthia Liszka · Dean, Mitchell.
Erinn Wynne · Westfield State.

Tiffany Maleshefski - Hofstra. Rena Chicklas - Lehigh, UMass. Katie Guiel - HCC

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SCHOLARSHIPS: See your counselor for more information

Paul Golden Memorial Scholarship - Open to any high school senior in Massachusetts who will be attending a two- or four-year institution next year. Recipients will be chosen according to need, determination, citizenship, and scholarship. Twelve \$300 awards will be made. Deadline: March 31st, 1994

Valley Press Club Scholarship - Available to students planning a career in journalism. Primary emphasis will be placed on career goals, writing ability, and scholastic aptitude and achievement.

Deadline: April 1st, 1994.

Beth El Brotherhood · Dr. David M. Hirsch Scholarship - Applicant must be a Jewish high school senior who plans to further his/her education. Deadline: April 5th, 1994.

OPEN HOUSES: See your counselor for more in-

Fitchburg State College - March 5th. Liberal Arts, Education, and Business Majors Open

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, March 7th: Pepperonitopped pizza, seasoned green beans, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, March 8th: Hamburg in roll, steamed rice, seasoned mixed vegetables, mustard, relish, catsup, apple crisp, milk.

Wednesday, March 9th: Schoolmade meatballs with tomato sauce, buttered macaroni, seasoned Italian blend vegetables, raspberry jello with topping or fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, March 10th: Orange juice, cold cut & cheese in water roll with mayonnaise, tossed garden salad with Italian dressing, chocolate cake with vanilla icing,

Friday, March 11th: Fluffernutter sandwich, oven-baked potato with cheese sauce, rosy applesauce, ice cream cup, milk.

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AHS Indoor Guard Takes Top Honors At Competition

by Kathy Cassanelli News Editor

The Agawam High Indoor Guard took top honors in its division at the Winter Colorguard and Percussion Ensemble Competition, held for the first time in Western Massachusetts in the Clifford Kibbe Gymnasium at AHS on Sunday, February 27th.

Music Director Scott Thomson observed, "One of the benefits of having the competition at home is to raise people's awareness about the

In the past, competitions have always been held in the eastern part of the state, he said. Thomson was gratified that so many eastern schools were willing to travel to Western Massachusetts for the event.

According to Thomson, Agawam presently is not able to enter the percussion ensemble competition due to a lack of funding for instructors and equipment, particularly mallet instruments such as xylophones, marimbas, and vibraphones.

Hoping To Have Percussion In The Future

"It's our goal to have a percussion ensemble in

the future. We just can't compete with the equipment these other schools have. We have the kids.

We just don't have the money," Thomson said.
Costumed in tan, black, or purple skirts paired
with magenta body suits, the 21-member Agawam High guard combined precision drill, flag-handling, and interpretive dance elements as they performed to a tape of Peter Gabriel's "In Your

According to co-captains Danielle LaBarre, Debbie McKenna, and Kim Graveline, the Indoor Guard differs from the Colorguard in the tone of the routines.

Rather than focus on the militaristic drills of the colorguard, the Indoor Guard's presentations are more dance-like that feature elements of ballet, jazz, and modern interpretive dance.

"In competition, the judges are looking for poise, how you hold yourself, and how you perform your routine," Danielle said.

Kim noted, "The judges are looking for changes

in movement on the floor and togetherness."

Debbie added, "They're also looking for how well you express the music."

Under the direction of their instructor, Claudine Bouchard, the girls practice every Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. (beginning in September). Working with Miss Bouchard, the cocaptains develop the routines for the guard.

A 1987 graduate of AHS, Miss Bouchard was a member of the AHS and UMASS colorguards. In addition to serving as the guard's instructor, Miss Bouchard makes the costumes and the flags used during the guard's routines.

After Sunday's competition, Miss Bouchard said she was pleased the Agawam guard has been steadily improving its score at each competition. "If they keep it up, they could be in good shape for the finals held at the end of March."

Each Guard Competes In Six Competitions

During the course of the season, which runs from February through April, each guard must participate in at least six of the 10 competitions sponsored by the New England Scholastic Band Association.



AGAWAM HIGH INDOOR GUARD parents Jean Mantha and Debbie McKenna look over the hardware to be presented at last Sunday's Winter Colorguard & Percussion Ensemble Competition. At right is Claudine Bouchard, the Indoor Guard's coach. Advertiser News photo by Jack



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH INDOOR GUARD who participated in last Sunday's Winter Colorguard & Percussion Ensemble Competition. Advertiser News photo by Jack

Organized by AHS Band Parents Association President Jean Mantha and parent Debbie McKenna, the competition included indoor guards and percussion ensembles from eight schools (all except Agawam were from the eastern part of the state).

While the competition was taking place in the

gym, Band Parents Association members manned the concession line in the cafeteria; Jean Carra and Mike McKenna, along with Bill, Debbie and Tim Faust, sold hot dogs, snacks and cold drinks, while Adrianne LaBarre and her son, Paul, served

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AGAWAM JR. HIGH Science Dept. Chairman Robert Sartwell works on a computer during Family Science Night. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

SCIENCE NIGHT - from Page 1...

Perhaps the most difficult challenge posed the question of how to cut a hole in a 5x7 piece of paper so that it would fit over a person's head. The tough part was keeping the border of the paper in-

The balanced bodies station stumped many as they tried to bend over and pick up a piece of paper while keeping their backs against the wall. As parent Julie Smist explained to her husband, Steve, and her daughter, Jennifer, "Standing against the wall, you realize you have to change your center of gravity and bend over."

In addition to the science challenges, parents had the chance to see some of the high tech equipment and computer systems used by the Science and Technical Education Departments.

Sartwell demonstrated the video camera hooked up to a microscope to display the magnified image on a monitor for use in science labs. The system allows teachers to be sure the students are seeing what they're supposed to see through

the microscope, Sartwell said.

Jr. Solar Sprints Display Technical Education teacher John Burns presided over a display on the Junior Solar Sprints Racing Program he introduced to the school last year. As part of a national program sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, students construct solar-powered model cars and race their cars in regional races held nationwide.

Burns ran a video prepared by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology that featured cars entered by Agawam students in the races held at Worcester Poly-Tech last spring.



TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHER John Burns presided over a display of the Junior Solar Sprints Racing Program during Family Science Night at the Junior High. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Agawam Schools' "What's Happening?" (March 5th Thru March 11th)

* March 5th - Saturday:

High School - "Saturday Night Out" -Fitness First Health Club, 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

* March 6th - Sunday:

High School - Cheerleading competition at Chicopee High School, 2:00 p.m. (Our cheerleaders will be in competition and would love your attendance for support.)

March 7th - Monday:

Granger School - C.A.P.P. board meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Junior High - Parents' night, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

High School - Cultural Week begins (continues thru March 11th).

March 8th - Tuesday:

School Committee meeting - Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Robinson School - Dinosaur assembly for grade one.

Phelps School - "Star Lab" program presented.

High School - Scholarship Fair, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., cafeteria.

* March 9th - Wednesday:

Clark School - John Porcino, storyteller, to entertain second grade.

Phelps School - "Star Lab" continues. Joint Elementary School Council meeting, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Community Room at Agawam Public Library.

March 10th - Thursday:

Phelps School - "Star Lab" continues. High School - Cultural Week dessert buffet, 6:30 p.m. (Open to students and families of students who take a foreign language.)

* March 11th - Friday:

Robinson School

H.A.P.P.E. program, grade three. Robinson Park Night at Springfield

Indians (annual hockey night). Middle School - Grade five project,

"See" field trip.

High School - Cheerleading competition at South Hadley High, 6:30 p.m. (Our cheerleaders will be in competition.)

If any more snow days occur, there will be a study group to determine the feasibility of loading all the snow on a barge and sailing it to Norway.



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Junior Women's Club Announces Basketball Winners





THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB recently announced the winners of their basketball shooting contest. From left -Bryan O'Quinn, free throws; Chris Rousseau, 3-point winner; Jason Hanscom, runner-up 3-point; Pat Belisle, Junior Women's Club; Kristen Patterson, champ of free throw shooting and 3-point shooting; Amber Conte, runner-up for girls in both categories; and Sue Hoague, Junior Women's Club. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Agawam Public Schools Ed-Ventures

by Kevin Littlefield Principal Ag. Junior High



News & Notes Around The Junior High

Having reached the midpoint of our 1993-94 academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents about the many activities and events that already have occurred and will occur in the future at the junior high school.

Throughout the school year, we offer many special activities designed to increase interest and motivate students at the junior high level. The following is a partial listing of the activities which already have taken place:

Project Business, National Geography Bee, Science Family Night, Intramural Sports, Ski Club, Non-User's Club, Student Assistance Pro-

gram, Junior Solar Sprint Car Competition, Computer Logo Contest, Yearbook Committee, Student Cadre, Peer Assistance Team, Chorus and Band performances, creation of a Literary Magazine, and a PTO sponsored Valentine Dance for grades seven and eight.

All of these various events and activities are an integral part of our school's function and your child's life at the junior high. We have had an extremely busy year, thus far, with much more scheduled for the remaining months.

During the months ahead, field trips, assembly programs, guest speakers, performances, exhibits, and spring intramurals will be added to our school programs. Please support your children by attending upcoming events such as the Drama Club production, Geography Fair, and spring music concerts, to name a few.

With all these activities in mind and with the many activities outside of school in which our students are involved, I ask for assistance from all parents in keeping your sons and daughters to task. Adolescents are easily distracted by the prospects of better weather and special activities which the spring semester brings. Our special programs are designed to increase academic motivation, as well as the desire to attend school.

However, your children and the school need your support, more so now than at the beginning of the school year. Please help us. We are here to

serve you, so please utilize our services.

Likewise, we are helping those students who have poor grades to improve them. Second semester report cards were issued Monday, January 31st, 1994. By law, we must refer to the Special Services Department any student who is failing. The purpose of this referral is to alert parents and guardians to the availability of an evaluation in order to determine if their child's program requires an adjustment to better meet the student's needs.

We will conduct our last Open House on Monday, March 7th, 1994, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. At that time, parents will be able to sign-up for a five-minute conference with any of their child's teachers. If additional time is needed, parents can make arrangements for an extended appointment at a future date.

Working together, we must sustain a consistent posture towards your children's education, so that all of our supplemental school activities and your family's extracurricular activities can become positive factors in your children's education.

Please remain involved in your children's education and help us meet the challenge of completing this academic year on a positive and successful note. If we can be of any assistance, please contact the administration, guidance counselors, teachers, or support staff at the junior high school by telephoning 789-1400, ext. 460.

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Agawam Middle School Jr. Troop 543
Junior Troop 543 is again meeting at Heritage Hall West. Some of the activities that we have already participated in are Ice Capades at the Springfield Civic Center, the calendar sale, swim night at Fitness First, collection of books, crayons, puzzles, and writing paper for mid-west flood victims. "First Aid" badge completed, as well as "Sports Sampler" and "Doing Hobbies"

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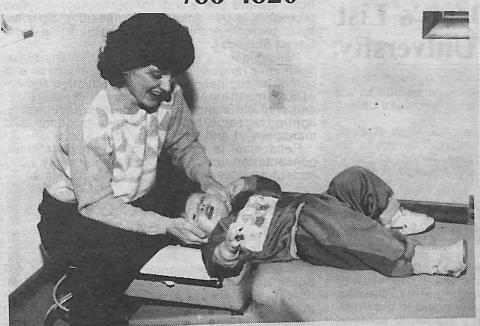
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Agawam Students In AIC Honors Society

American International College inducted 34 new members into Alpha Chi, a national honor society and member of the Association of College Honor Societies.

The induction took place Sunday, February 6th in the West Wing of the College's Karen Sprague Cultural Arts Center. From Agawam, senior early childhood education major Cheryl A. Kozel of 63 Brien Street, the daughter of Josephine and Edward Kozel, and Linda A. Bouchard, a junior psychology major of 650 Southwick Street, the daughter of Patricia and Andre Bouchard, were in-

Alpha Chi recognizes students of high academic achievement and encourages students to continue their development through graduate work. The organization also supports a scholarship program on their behalf, admits them to participation in regional and national programs, and publishes a magazine and newsletter annually.

The Society began in 1915 as a campus honor society at Southwestern University in Georgetown, Texas. It grew into a state organization in 1922, a regional in 1927, and later, a national in 1920. tional organization.

Through these stages of development, it has kept its objective unchanged: the stimulation, development, and recognition of scholarship. The Society has also kept its original motto, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free."



LINDA BOUCHARD

Children's Center **Nursery School Is Accepting Registrations**

The Children's Center Nursery School is currently accepting registrations for fall enrollment. The school offers a two-day program for three year-olds, and two three-day programs for four

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For further information, call Sue Wright at

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Cub Scout Pack 85 Visits Ham Operator



LOCAL HAM RADIO OPERATOR Arthur Zavarella (see related photo on Page 1) received Cub Scouts from Pack 85 (Den 5) for a tour last month. Back row, from left - Tim Hubbard, Rob Cullen, Andrew Huffman, and Mike Crough. Front row - James DelPeschio, Dan O'Neill, David Hearn, Chris Polek, and Brian Hearn. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

STARLAB Coming To Phelps School From Planetarium

Students and faculty members of Benjamin J. Phelps School are eagerly awaiting the arrival of "STARLAB," the Springfield Science Museum's portable planetarium.

The program, "Introduction to the Night Sky," will be presented March 8th through March 10th during school hours. The presentation includes an introductory astronomy lesson, as well as basic explanations of the earth's rotation and the

structure of the solar system.
Inside the magical "STARLAB," students are given a tour of the night sky with emphasis on the constellations, the stars and planets of the

Phelps PTO would like to thank the Agawam Cultural Council for their continued contribution to the cultural life of our community through enrichment programs, like "STARLAB," that provide students with the opportunity to gain the awareness of, and the appreciation for, the world in which we live.

This project is supported, in part, by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Coun-

Barbara L. Dobise Named To Psychology **National Honor Society**

Barbara L. Dobise, a junior at Fitchburg State College, has been accepted into Psi Chi, the Psychology National Honor Society. She is the daughter of Lynne and Michael Dobise of Feeding Hills and a 1991 graduate of Agawam High School.

Requirements for admission to Psi Chi include a grade point average in both a psychological major and overall of 3.2. Barbara is dual majoring in bachelor of science programs in psychology, with a concentration in developmental psychology, and human services.

For the fall 1993 semester, Barbara was on the Dean's List with a grade point average of 3.92.

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On to New Englands!

Tomkiel Elected To Coaches' Hall Of Fame; Ingham Qualifies For New Englands

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

It didn't look like it for a while, but the Agawam High wrestling team will be represented in the New England High School Championships which will take place in Essex Junction, Vermont, this

Andrew Ingham, a 171-pound sophomore, picked off seventh place in the All-State Wrestling tournament in Wayland last Saturday. Only the top six-place finishers actually qualify for the tourney, but Ingham will be eligible to wrestle from his "alternate" status because a wrestler from Hartland High School injured his knee and will be unable to compete. will be unable to compete.

This was the first year that the Massachusetts titles have been unified after many seasons of crowning individual titleists from each of the three divisions. The tournament had an excellent turnout of fans and featured some outstanding

Ingham was pinned in the third period of his in-

itial match of the tournament. It was the first pinfall that he suffered all season. He then rebounded to down a Mount Everett wrestler by the score of 10-4 as he displayed a tough persona throughout in battling a very rugged foe.

He had a chance to guarantee himself a medal when he faced Mallajah Muhammed in the next round of consolations. Muhammed had stopped Ingham in the State Semi-Finals the previous weekend in Lowell.

Ingham earned a quick escape in the second period and then took Muhammed down beautifully midway in the second period. He took a calculated risk and tried to throw a "half," and Muhammed reversed him quickly and earned back points which turned a 3-0 deficit into a 4-3 lead.

An early Muhammed escape in the third had Ingham down two points and when the opponent worked the edge of the circle skillfully and earned a takedown to go up 7-3, Andrew had to try to go for the big dump late in the match. He missed it

and wound up dropping a 12-4 decision.
Ingham won his seventh/eighth-place match by default and then worked his way into the upcoming New Englands due to another injury.

Newly-inducted Hall of Fame coach Phil Newly-inducted Hall of Fame coach Phil Tomkiel was very pleased with his sophomore's efforts at Wayland: "Andrew showed well here. He gave it everything he had and this was great experience for him. When he got behind, he had to go for that dump and he hit it pretty good. He didn't lock it, though, and he will have to learn to tighten that thing up next time."

Tomkiel was one of four coaches who were honored by the Massachusetts Wrestling Coaches Association prior to the start of the Finals on Saturday night.

"It was quite an honor," said the happy 20-year veteran. "Nine or 10 of my current wrestlers made the trip along with some of the parents, and it was really, really nice."

AHS Girls Seeded 2nd In Div. I Tourney

by Bob Johnson **Advertiser News Sports Editor**

Two late season losses cost the Agawam High Brownies the top seed in the upcoming Division I Western Massachusetts High School Girls' Basketball Tournament, but it might not have been the worst thing that ever happened to the

Coach Lou Conte's Brownies will operate from the second seed in this season's tourney. The Agawam kids (18-2) open tournament action against seventh seeded Minnechaug Regional (also 18-2) at Agawam High School on Saturday

"The Falcons are small," said Conte. "We are probably going to be able to play them physical, but from what I have learned from coaches that have played against them, they have five quality athletes on that team. We certainly can't afford to take our first game lightly."

The Northampton High Blue Devils (also 18-2)

will be the top seed in the tournament and it looks as if they are on a collision course with area rival Amherst (12-8). The eighth seeded and defending State Champ Hurricanes must survive a preliminary round game with Chicopee Comp at presstime.

Hamp beat Amherst with its depth and talent. The Blue Devils can probably expect their toughest game in that bracket to come from Springfield's Cathedral, a team that started slow and came on strong late in the year.

Must Get Past Minnechaug

Agawam must get past Minnechaug to gain the

Agawam must get past Minnechaug to gain the semi-finals against the winner of a tough opening round matchup featuring sixth seeded Longmeadow and third seeded Pittsfield. The Generals were not happy to be in the third slot after posting a 19-1 regular season record. They got eked out of the top spot and the second slot

due to a strength of schedule equation that frustrates teams from the Berkshires year in and year out. Longmeadow (which beat Agawam a week ago) is eager to get through first round action to play the Brownies again.

The tournament also has darkhorse Wahconah to consider as a potential threat. The "other" Berkshire school knocked Pittsfield from the ranks of the unbeaten in their final contest of the

season.

"I am looking for a great crowd at our only home playoff game," Conte said. "These kids have had a fine year and I think they deserve to play in front of a big crowd." The semi-finals are always played at a neutral site (often Cathedral High, Central High, or Curry Hicks Cage in Amherst) and the Western Mass. Finals are played at the Civic Center in Springfield.

High School Ice Hockey...

Brownie Skaters Ready For Tourney Opener

by Doug Perdue Advertiser News Correspondent

At presstime, the Agawam High ice hockey At presstime, the Agawam High Ice nockey team under Coach Fran Pycko was gearing up for its first Berry Division tournament game versus Chicopee. Comp on Wednesday, March 2nd. The winner of that game will advance to face Amherst next Wednesday, March 9th, at Orr Rink in Amherst. (As is the case with limited ice time available, times and dates are subject to change.) However, the Brownies' trip to the tournament had some humpy moments this past week.

had some bumpy moments this past week...

Eric Mastroianni tallied the only goal for Agawam in a 7-1 loss last Saturday, February 26th, at the Olympia in West Springfield. Eric Dolaher and Jim Maynard scored two goals apiece for Minnechaug, who edged out Agawam apiece for Minnechaug, who edged out Agawam

for the sixth seed in the upcoming Western Mass

Division III tournament. The Brownies started well as they controlled play for the first 6½ minutes of the first period. Agawam kept the pressure almost exclusively in the Falcons' zone, as they had several excellent scoring opportunities. Unfortunately for the locals, they would come up empty in the first stanza while several defensive lapses would end up costing them four goals.

costing them four goals. The second period started out well for the Brownies as Mastroianni dented the twine at 1:05 when he collected a Marc Turgeon rebound in front of the cage. That goal would be the only bright spot of the afternoon for the locals, as Maynard netted his second of the game less than two minutes later to increase the Falcons' lead to 5-1. Minnechaug added one more in the second period for a commanding five-goal bulge entering

Agawam could not get the puck out of their own end cleanly from the time the opposition scored its first goal. The Brownies were clearly frustrated by the Falcons' agressive forechecking, and they were pressured into coughing up the biscuit numerous times. This was the regular-season finals for both tooms, as the Brownies finished finale for both teams, as the Brownies finished with an impressive 11-5-1 record.

The regular season included an upset win over Amherst as well as hard-fought victories over tourney-bound teams such as Minnechaug, Westfield, Greenfield, Ludlow, and a tie against Pittsfield way up there in the "Great White North."

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AHS Girls' Hoop **Honors 2 Seniors** Then Crushes Central

by Bob Johnson **Advertiser News Sports Editor**

Coach Lou Conte had every reason to be proud. He stood facing the bleachers directly behind the bench that he normally prowls during basketball games at Agawam High

Seated behind him with legs crossed were his Valley Wheel Champion Agawam High Brownies.
The team had just completed another successful
18-2 regular season by thumping Central 70-37 in
front of a surprisingly decent Thursday afternoon

Seated in front of Conte in those bleachers were a couple of dozen youngsters from area youth leagues who were on hand to salute the

Agawam High players.
Conte told the kids they could meet the Brownies and talk with them as well as competing for prizes (balls and T-shirts). This little bit of marketing pays big dividends as the popular coach turns out a quality squad year in and year out on the AHS beat. "One day, you kids might be sitting right down here. It all starts in the youth programs," Conte told the wide-eyed kids.

Senior Day It was Senior Day for Agawam and once again the Brownies graduated just two of its players as Alison Jean and Cyndi Stone were recognized with flowers prior to the tilt against the Golden Eagles.

The Brownies blew out to a 19-2 lead and didn't even look good doing it. All eyes were on Agawam who had lost two straight (on the road at Northampton and Longmeadow) after blowing to an incredible 17-0 start in the regular season.

Actually, it is difficult to look good while travelling at three quarters speed, which seems to always occur when good teams play squads which are nowhere close to their level of competition

As the game progressed, the Brownies got sharper and sharper and could have named the score after getting themselves out to an insurmountable 32-9 halftime lead. Against was paced

by Dina DeMarco, Kristen Schmaelzle, and Stone.
There was a brief scare in the game as
Schmaelzle, a junior power forward, hit the deck
hard during rebounding action. She was sidelined for a while with a tender ankle, but she soon returned to duty as the Brownies pressed on...

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Young AHS Hoopsters End Long & Weary Winter Campaign Of '93-'94

by Bob Johnson Advertiser News Sports Editor

Mike Knodler had to be wondering "Why Me" as he stood in the Agawam huddle before the ballgame with Westfield High last Thursday night.

The lone senior on the Agawam High basketball team had to have hoped for so much more during his final campaign as a Brownie. His team was playing a meaningless final regular season game on the road in the Whip City, and now he had to listen as each and every senior from the Westfield squad was introduced. Nine of the 11 team members of the playoff bound Bombers were in-

Agawam has generally had difficulty handling the city teams in the independent portion of its schedule, but have always come back to post a wonderful showing in the Valley Wheel League. This season, however, senior laden teams from Chicopee Comp, Longmeadow, and now Westfield had ganged up and paid the Brownies back. Agawam dropped five of six to those three teams this year.

The fifth of those five losses came that night in Westfield as the Bombers took on the young Brownies and posted a 77-67 victory, dropping Agawam to a disappointing 6-14 season (5-5 in

Valley Wheel action).

Great First Half Showing Agawam finished the season with a thin roster and played a large part of the game with freshmen and sophomores all over the court. They made a great first half showing, but hurt themselves with a lapse that ended the first half and began the se-

The first half gave varsity viewers their first glimpses of youngsters Phil McGeoghan and Todd Jorgenson, and it also featured some tough

hard-nosed play from the Agawam team.

Westfield's Mike Butler hit a three pointer on top to put the Bombers ahead 21-15 midway in the first, but the Brownies responded with a 16-5 burst that had them out in front 31-26. Knodler laid one up softly off the glass to complete the run. The Agawam team did much of the damage while running, hustling, and filling lanes with Knodler, McGeoghan, Todd Boskiewicz, and Joe Albano

doing most of the damage.
So with McGeoghan on the free throw line shooting one and one with 50 seconds left in the half, Agawam had to be happy with its 32-29 advantage and how well it had played to earn that

Then the roof caved in for a while-the freshman missed his free throw and Westfield got a Chad Kasperowski layup, a Tim Laurita layup, and a corner jumper from Laurita to take a 35-32 lead to the locker room.

To add insult to injury, Butler did it again from three point land to open the second and Kasperowski powered one home in close to put the Bombers ahead by eight.

Bitzas Answers From Right Wing
Chris Bitzas answered from right wing and
Boskiewicz cashed one off glass to bring them within four. Brian Kasperowski hit a driving deuce for Westfield before Boskiewicz' three pointer on the right side got Agawam back to within three. Jeremy Pais dropped a 12-footer, but Boskiewicz became the answer man again from three point territory and the Brownies were only down a bucket with plenty of action remaining.

Westfield put on a pressing defense to try and counter the Brownies' long range shooting and it paid dividends for about three minutes. The Bombers scored 12 straight points before Coach Mike Martin earned himself a frustration technical and the two subsequent free throws and a Pais inside hoop made it 16 straight for the now partying crowd to enjoy. Somehow, Westfield had forged into a 60-42 advantage.

The Brownies would play well in the season's final six minutes and actually would work it under 10 (68-59) after Derek Poole drained a three

A Knodler layup had it down to eight once and Youriy Zdrak's free throws cut it to a snowman again later, but there was not enough time to erase the big deficit.

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The Director issued such an exemption in 1993 due to light-colored licenses which could resemble the coloration or body parts of wildlife, thus creating uncertainty and posing a safety hazard. Since then, legislation has been filed which would repeal the license display requirement.

repeal the license display requirement.

To avoid confusion and uncertainty, Director MacCallum has proposed to extend the exemption through 1994. Comments regarding this proposed exemption will be received by Director MacCallum for a two-week period at the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW), 100 Cambridge Street, Leverett Saltonstall Building, Boston, MA 02202.

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into law a bill that prohibits possession of any cross between domestic and wild species of dogs and cats, and the trade, sale, or barter of such hybrids.

Under the terms of the new law, exceptions are granted for pets if those animals are registered with the DFW by July 31st, 1994. Both the DFW and the MSPCA are issuing public notices so that owners of hybrid animals can make the necessary arrangements to keep their pets legally or make other arrangements for them.

There is no fee for this registration. To obtain registration forms, write the DFW, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston, MA 02202, or call (617) 727-3151.

THIS OLD-FASHIONED WINTER AFFECTS WILDLIFE

Snow and sub-zero temperatures have been abundant this winter. Most wildlife has been affected by it. For some animals, the deep snow is beneficial. Ruffled grouse have been able to "snow roost" this year, diving head-first into the snow for protection from attacking hawks and owls and shelter from the wind.

I recall as a youth during the Depression, food was not readily available. After a heavy snowfall, a group of us kids used to hit the woods and fields looking for small airholes in the snow cover. When we found one, we made a quick dive and a grouse was in hand. Sometimes it would be a cottontail rabbit

It wasn't legal, but we didn't for one minute think about holding up a grocery store to take care of our eating problems. I dread to think what a deep depression would bring on in our society to-

day. Snowshoe hare, which can travel on the snow

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surface, have been able to reach buds and other

food normally out of reach.

Owls, however, have been severely hampered in their quest for food. Their main food sources are mice and voles, both of which burrow under the snow and are effectively hidden from predators. Dead owls are being reported by cross-country skiers and rabbit hunters in New Hampshire in resent weeks.

Snow and cold is no problem for animals that hibernate, but they may be impacted if their spring food sources are affected. Hibernating animals, like the woodchuck, build up a layer of fat in the fall. In winter, their heartbeat slows, body temperature lowers, and they breathe slowly and unevenly.

Bears are not true hibernators. Their body temperature drops slightly and they spend most of their time in the den, but they wake up occasionally when disturbed or during periods of mild weather. The same is true of skunks, raccoons, and chipmunks. They may come out of their resting places during mild spells, or wake and eat some of the stored food.

White-tail deer retreat to deer yards in winter. Deer yards are comprised of spruce, hemlock, and

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other softwoods. Their branches hold snow so there is less accumulation within the yard than in the open.

Noel Brown, Feeding Hills, and I once hunted in late winter in Vermont and placed ourselves in the vicinity of a yard. It was the first time I had viewed a yard, and I was astounded at the ice walkways that were created by the deer repeatedly walking the same paths reaching up for food.

Every snowfall raised them a little further up so they could eat the buds and branches on the trees. The large deer survived the winters, and the smaller deer died of starvation. When we returned in the spring just after the snow melted, the ice walkways were still there and reached a height of

five feet or better.

The deer's fall diet is rich in high-energy foods such as acrons and beechnuts, thereby resulting in heavier fat deposits, greater gains in body weight, larger skeletal size, and bigger internal lorgans. All of these translate into a greater probability of surviving the winter

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Nature has provided wildlife with ways to adapt to winter. Nevertheless, a severe winter can make survival difficult for many species.



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Bob Johnson On Sports...

Fond Memories Of "Old" Celtics

by Bob Johnson **Advertiser News Sports Editor**

An excrutiating loss in Sacramento; another toughie down the stretch at the Fabulous Forum in LA; life isn't peaches and cream when you are in the throes of a 12-game losing streak.

The once proud and mighty Celtics are now at the bottom, scraping the lowest point of a screwy season in the NBA. Naturally, it had to come during the cruelest weather that the region has en-

dured in years and years and years.

On two occasions, the team has risen up and played a wonderful stretch of hoop that allowed some of us to see a ray of sunshine in all of the maddening losses. Both times, the squad has gone on to lose games by the bushel and the good feelings were history in short order.

Remember When??

Remember when a regular season game against Philadelphia or the Lakers was a reason to order pizza and invite six or eight people over to the house? If it is any consolation, they probably aren't doing it in Philly or LA anymore either, but the good people in Seattle, Chicago, and San Antonio are more than eager to see the ballgames on a regular basis.

It really isn't fair to quit on the Celtics organiza-tion because of this poor play. They have given us so much to cheer about over the years. It seems like it was so long ago. Remember the intensity of the Andrew Toney and M.L. Carr matchups? It was the Ultimate Offensive Weapon against the Im-

movable Force

Remember Vinnie Johnson trying to squeeze off that unbelievably accurate jumper against DJ? How about the Celts trying to deal with Kareem or the Pistons looking for an answer to McHale? Man, that seems like it happened back in the Dark Ages, doesn't it? It sure beat the devil out of watching Shawn Bradley and Acie Earl jockeying for

Rebuilding is tough on Celtic fans who have been so used to excellence for so long

While experiencing my normal bout of insomnia last Sunday night, I came across that Celtic-Laker matchup on Channel 38. The C's had a five to seven point lead much of the fourth quarter, but I was having trouble finding their go-to guy. There was no Kevin to drop it down to; no Larry to take the bail-out jumper.

Two minutes of a movie on HBO; a little Infomercial action; a glance at the Weather Channel; it was easy to get distracted. This never used to happen when the Celtics were the Green Machine. Now, I think I would rather watch Mr. Green Jeans. Remember him and Dancing Bear

and the Good Cap'n?

Oh yes, we miss the winning. We miss the championships. We miss the drama. But, more than anything, I think that we miss Larry Bird.
So how about if I strap everybody into the

Wayback Machine and give you a little Larry Bird flashback (as remembered through the eyes and ears of your dedicated sports scribe):

The Celts were playing a Sunday afternoon matinee at the Garden in Larry's early years. This was probably 1981 or 1982. I was driving back from New Jersey with three people flaked out in

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the seats surrounding me after an extended weekend of partying in Atlantic City and elsewhere.

Boston Lost Only A Couple Back Then

The Milwaukee Bucks were no slouches in those days with personnel such as Sidney Moncreif and Margues Johnson and Bob Lanier with which to contend. Still, these were the days when Boston only lost a couple games a year on the parquet so most folks settled in for yet another

Boston victory as the game commenced.

Boston got out quickly and established a lead and the since departed Johnny Most was giving me the blow-by-blow as I whistled my maroon

roadster north on the highway.

Late in the first quarter, Bird got injured while involved in heavy traffic in the paint. An otherwise nondescript big man named Harvey Catchings had knocked Larry down in a fight for a loose ball or a rebound and Bird fell. Later, it was learned that Bird broke his cheekbone in the melee.

As Bird left the playing floor, the Bucks took full advantage of the missing superstar and came back to take the lead. They led by eight and 10 points during much of the third quarter and into the fourth. The normally raucous Garden crowd

was expectedly subdued.

Then, as if entering the Coliseum to fight the lions, Larry Bird emerged from the runway and he came back onto the floor. He lit up his team and scorched the nets and led one of the most dramatic comebacks ever as the Celts came back to post a solid victory. Their inspirational star had done it again.

Bird would do so much that he created Garbage Time in that game and he (naturally) came out before that little part of the contest took place. I still remember Catchings coming out of the game with just a few seconds to go and Johnny said something to the effect, "Here comes Catchings out of the game. There he is on the bench, and he is putting his brass knuckles in the bag..." Only Johnny could get away with that. And of course, Johnny did. The Celts faced a tough Texas trip that saw Bird

sidelined for a while and a guy named Eric Fernsten stepped in and did a really nice job until our

hero returned.

We don't really have anybody that fits that description these days. As a matter of fact, much of the roster will probably be remembered about as well as we remember Éric Fernsten.

But memories of Larry will last forever because he is and was the stuff that dreams are made of. He is and was Larry Legend. And he is likely never to be similarly replaced.

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Tri-Parish Rollers Beginning Third Round At The Agawam Bowl

The third and final round of rolling in the Monday night Tri-Parish Bowling League has opened, and Notre Dame (4 wins) is the early leader after a clean sweep of 8th place Holy Cross (no wins).

ND has a huge week from second roller GLEN ADAMS (315) and torrid Captain AL MORRISON, the leading roller in the league (121.42). Morrison destroyed the lanes at Agawam Bowl for a whopping 429, including scores of 155-118-156. Also winning for ND was leadoff roller EVELYN POIRIER (238). The lone winner for HC was DON STITT, a 257-252 winner over CAROLYN COELLN.

HC Captain LARRY VIENS really didn't know what hit him. He hit a 315 which is a bit above his average (100.18), but Morrison poured it on for a 114-pin victory.

Second place St. Mary (4 wins) crushed last place St. Michael (no wins) in a clean sweep. St. Mary's winners were TERRY HILL (285), TERRY CERPOVICZ (286), and Captain RICH SHEEHAN (304). St. Mike's Captain TOM "Not Tony" CURTIS was out of action and with no substitute in place, it was an easy night for St. Mary. St. Mike's leadoff roller, VENETTA SNYDER, tied the leadoff roller for St. Mary's, JAY LAGODITZ, 242-each. Sheehan, by the way, is in third place in Men's AA

St. Louis (4 wins) also kept pace with the leaders by sweeping past ninth place St. Anselm (no wins). Winners for St. Lou were leadoff TINA FRAPPIER (238-237 over AUDREY PHILLIPS), MAYBETH "Miss Consistent" COUGHLIN (294, good show, Maybeth), and Captain SCOTT MASSOIA, a 334-327 winner over St. A's Captain LOU MULDREW. The only winner for St. A's was substitute JOHN REILLY (327). Massoia leads the Men's A at 108.0 while Reilly throws them down the lane at a 106.8 clip in a substitute role.

Georgetown (3 wins) checked into fourth place by taking down Fordham (6th place/1 win), three wins to one. G-Town winners were leadoff CAROL POIRIER (248) and substitute MARK POIRIER (313). Winners for Fordham were RENEE JURY (269) and Captain OLLIE MULDREW, a close 334-333 verdict over G-Town Captain DEBBIE POIRIER. Debbie still leads the women in rolling at 104.43. Ollie leads the Men's AA at a strong

In the final match of the night, fifth place Catholic University (3 wins) overcame Boston College (7th place/1 wins), three wins to one. CU winners were MARY THOMAS (281) and TED LEAL (265). BC winners were JOHN LONCRINI (275) and Sweet" LOU MASSOIA, a 339-315 conquerer over CU Captain Jim Snyder. Lou has been subbing this year at a lofty 113.8 average. Snyder is second in Men's AA at 107.16.

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"All you TV people, back up. They ought to build an island for you TV people. And they ought to put all the sportswriters underneath that island."

That's the reaction that BOBBY KNIGHT (University of Indiana basketball coach) had for the Knights of the Keyboard after his Hoosiers got reamed 106-56 by the Golden Gophers of Minnesota on Sunday afternoon.

Jeez, the guy has had some unbelievable success down through the years, but I wouldn't want to go to my grave with his reputation for verbally

abusing people...

Just have this feeling that the nation's best basketball team is currently sitting atop the polls right now. Arkansas and their "Forty Minutes of Hell" defense is the type of unit that can win six games in a row. That's what it takes to bring home the big prize in the upcoming NCAA basketball tournament...

You know the NBA is experiencing a total changing of the guard when you see the betting lines that show the New Jersey Nets favored over the Detroit Pistons by 14 points. Or how about seeing the Miami Heat favored over the

Milwaukee Bucks by eight points, and the Bucks are at home at the Bradley Center! Wow...
When TONY KUKOC and PETE MYERS combine for an 0-12 night from the floor, the Chicago Bulls can't even beat a Cavaliers team minus BRAD DAUGHERTY and LARRY NANCE despite the fact that the game is at Chicago Stadium.

Considering that the Bulls had just lost their previous home game to the Indiana Pacers, you have to know that the crowd has to be snarling every time that they see AIR JORDAN diving for routine fly balls in the sunshine of Florida..

If the race in the NHL was for 40 wins, it would be the Broadway Blues who would have gotten the top prize. The New York Rangers (for the second time in three seasons) have a lot of things going their way—and a lot of fans trying to erase bad thoughts.

Once again, the club hasn't had a sip from Lord Stanley's Cup since 1940. I am pulling for them big time, and MARK MESSIER seems to be leading that team beautifully...

People that say NANCY KERRIGAN got screwed at the Olympics might have forgotten about the little Canadian, JOSEE CHOINARD, who had to pop tall earlier than expected because of TONYA's shoestring..

I still don't understand why almost 6,000 Patriot fans stood outside in freezing temperatures to buy season tickets last Saturday. I mean—did they sign EMMITT SMITH or something?...

Argue all you want with the statistics and the barometers, but for my money PHIL RIZZUTO is a Hall of Famer all the way. The newest member of the Cooperstown Clan, "The Scooter," has enter-tained me for almost 30 years now with his very humorous broadcasting style.

I never saw him play, but it is obvious that he loves the game and the people in it, and that's all I need to know about him. The man has given his life to baseball, and he has impacted it in a very refreshing and positive way...

Agawam AA Piranhas **Compete In Tourney**

The Agawam AA Piranhas, along with over 900 swimmers representing 13 area teams, competed in the 1994 Pioneer Valley Swim League Winter Championships. The event was held the weekend of February 5th and 6th at the Longmeadow High School pool.

Those swimmers placing in the top six in their event received trophies; those placing seventh through 12th received ribbons.

Agawam is proud of the following individual ac-

complishments:

8 & under: Jillian Kos, third in 100-yard individual medley. Daniel Adamski, second in 25-yard freestyle. Brittany Theriaque, seventh in 25-yard butterfly. Paul Lagasse, first in 25-yard butterfly. Thomas Gorman, fourth in 25-yard butterfly. Brittany Theriaque, seventh in 50-yard freestyle. Daniel Adamski, second in 50-yard freestyle. Thomas Gorman, fifth in 50-yard freestyle. Jeffrey Lagasse, 12th in 25-yard backstroke. Jillian Kos, eighth in 25-yard breaststroke.

Hilary Golas, sixth in 50-yard freestyle. Joseph Santaniello, ninth in 50-yard freestyle. Nathan Adamski, 10th in 50-yard freestyle. Amanda Fox, third in 50-yard butterfly. Hilary Golas, ninth in 100-yard freestyle. Ryan Sullivan, first in 100-yard freestyle. Brian McGuire, fourth in 50-yard butterfly. Amanda Fox, third in 50-yard backstroke. Ryan Hanley, third in 50-yard backstroke. Ryan Sullivan, sixth in 50-yard breaststroke.

Kimberly Sullivan, fourth in 200-yard individual medley

Caitlin Weisgerber, second in 200-yard

Bridget Donovan, fifth in 50-yard freestyle.
Caitlin Weisgerber, seventh in 50-yard butterfly.
Bridget Donovan, second in 100-yard freestyle. Kimberly Sullivan, sixth in 100-yard freestyle. Allison Pisano, 10th in 50-yard backstroke. Jeffrey Rivkin, first in 50-yard backstroke. Thomas Casiello, 12th in 50-yard backstroke.

Eileen Daly, fourth in 200-year individual

medley. Kelli Kunkel, eighth in 50-yard freestyle. Eileen Daly, fourth in 100-yard butterfly. Natalie Piccin, 11th in 100-yard butterfly Danielle DeForge, ninth in 100-yard breaststroke.

Jonathan David, third in 200-yard individual

medley

Chad Abdow, third in 200-yard freestyle. Sean Sumner, fifth in 200-yard freestyle. Tim Church, sixth in 50-yard freestyle.

Jonathan David, sixth in 100-yard butterfly. Rachel Niemiec, fourth in 100-yard freestyle. Chad Abdow, seventh in 100-yard freestyle. Sean Sumner, eighth in 100-yard freestyle. Rachel Niemiec, third in 100-yard backstroke. Tim Church, third in 100-yard breaststroke.

Another Instructional Hoop Program Slated At Fitness First

Because of the success of an instructional basketball clinic held during last week's winter school break, another clinic has been scheduled at Fitness First Racquetball & Fitness Center in Feeding Hills. It has been scheduled for Saturday, March 12th, and there are two sessions: 10:00 a.m.

to 12:00 noon, and 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Appropriate for young basketball players between the ages of eight and 18, the clinics will be instructed by Dana Rogers, a former collegiate Div. 1 player (Oklahoma State) and former professional player (W.B.A./Oklahoma Cougars). She currently holds the record for a hoop shoot contest sponsored annually at New England Health & Racquet for the Cerebral Palsy Association (she shot 97 out of 100 jumpshots from the free-throw line, and 66 of those being consecutive).

Dana will work with clinic participants on shooting mechanics/techniques and drills to improve ballhandling and dribbling skills.

The cost of the clinic is \$15 per session for members of Fitness First, and \$20 for non-members. Players can attend both sessions for \$25 (members) and \$35 (non-members). The limit is 10 participants per session.

For questions or reservations, please contact

Dana at 786-1460.

Daggett Gymnasts Shine At Annual **National Meet**

Five-hundred competitors from 12 states representing 51 gyms came together at Springfield College February 19th-20th for the fifth Annual Tim Daggett National Invitational.

Daggett's own gymnasts did well in their age divisions. In the Elite Division, although the top honors went to Mike Dutka of Pennsylvania, Daggett's own Jeff LaVallee took second place honors, followed by Calvin Booker, Aaron Vexler, and Mark Mehringer rounding out the top five places.

In Class 3, age 12-13 division, Darren Morace came away the all around individual winner with the team, including John Szymczyk, Keven Suffriti, and Ali Eslami taking second place honors in

the team competition.
The Class 4 gymnasts Jamey Houle and Patrick McFarlin faired well, taking third and fouth all

around honors, respectively.

Class 5 gymnast (14-15) Kyle Roissing and Mark
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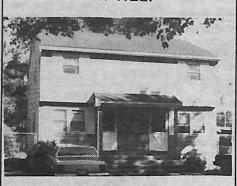
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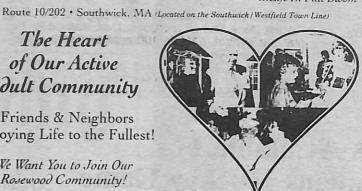
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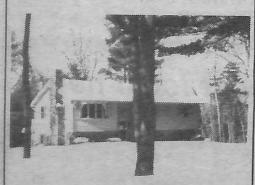
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Modified Title Up For Grabs In 1994 At Riverside Speedway

The prestigious Winston Racing Series title of Riverside Park Speedway is up for grabs. With the November 1993 announcement of R.J. Reynolds sports marketing doubling the regional and championship money, Riverside Park Speedway's Modified Championship position is very desired. The proposed 1994 Riverside Champion (based on 1992) would receive from Pinerside Co 1993) would receive from Riverside \$6,847.40. Last year, Riverside's Modified point fund alone was \$21,558.94. The total track point fund was \$53,155.62, with a guaranteed increase in 1994 at Riverside Speedway.

Jerry Marquis is a three-time, back-to-back champion in the Riverside Winston Racing Series Program. For 1994, Marquis will put all his efforts into his Busch Grand National North program.

"This was a tough choice. The Winston Double was tempting, but I am not getting any younger; my dream is to be a professional driver ... it's now or never," said the former Northeast Regional Champion Jerry Marquis. This means the number-one spot is open. (Jerry was always considered the man to beat at Riverside.)

The man that most say has the best shot at it is Dan Avery. Avery—a close, personal friend to Marquis—has finished second three times in a row. Avery, with the Porter/Chester Institute Program, is not resting on his laurels; the popular pink and black team is getting ready for this title shot in a

Other rumors in the Modified world provide mystery and create great gossip at Riverside that also add to the suspense of what team could have a shot at the 1994 Riverside title. Bob Judkins, owner of the track championship Modified, will return. Veteran driver Stan Greger drove it in the fall races, and other possible drivers could be Bruce D'Alessandro, Bobby Gee, and More.

Also, never count out the team of Mario Fiore. as well as the teams that could show the talents of Bobby Gee, Kerry Malone, and others. Plus, there's a list of strong runners—Marty Radewick, Ed Kennedy, Chris Kopec, Larry Moore, Richie Gallup, Ed Spiers, Fran Principi, Rich Savary, and

The 1994 NASCAR Winston Modified season begins at Riverside Park Speedway with "The Big Chill," a Budweiser Winston special event, on March 26th, 1994. For a free color schedule, color race poster, and season ticket information, call or write today: Riverside Park Speedway, P.O. Box 307, Agawam, MA 01001 (Attn. Race Department-Mary), or (413) 786-9300 (extension 3264).

Eric LeClair To Make Name For Himself At Riverside In 1994

His name might not ring a bell if you're not a diehard Modified fan. No, he's not a Reggie Rug-giero, Jerry Marquis, or a Dan Avery; those names are among the most famous drivers at Riverside Park Speedway in Agawam, MA. Still, Eric LeClair of Chicopee is someone special in the NASCAR Modified division. What makes him special is a unique story in itself.

Eric represents a group of drivers that are just as important to the success of the program at Riverside as any of the big names. He is perhaps more determined than ever because he loves the sport and believes in himself enough to go through the hardships of being an independent

As a 40 year-old single mechanic, Eric stalks the pits with helmet bag in hand, waiting for the one big break. He's not a cocky guy but shows the miles of being a fighter on the short track scene.

Oftentimes, he is found giving a helping hand to another team or offering the promoter his time to help out. Still, the big question is why do nice guys like Eric LeClair never get the breaks or the

chance to share the limelight they deserve?

Some say it's politics, while others feel you must have the dollars to get the owners' attention. So, in the meantime, Eric strives forward in search of the dream and the first victory at Riverside.

For 1994, Eric will go another step forward after years of driving for the Simoncini family; he'll vacate his 4 New York ride and prepare his own new team. And, this is perhaps his biggest challenge ever—owning his own car and running the race team. It won't be a "big dollar" backed operation, but a Troyer style Modified.

Still, this team is a special one because it represents hard work, determination, and a desire to win at Riverside Park Speedway. Perhaps Eric sums it up best: "I know I have talent ... I just need a break. Riverside's a tough track, but it's the best short track around. And, besides, I believe Ben Dodge really cares about competitors like me."

"Eric is one of the hardest working guys in the pit area. I think he has a lot of talent; someday, he is going to win big at Riverside," said race director Ben Dodge, Jr.

Watch Eric as 1994 begins on March 26th at Riverside with the Budweiser "Big Chill." For a free color schedule, poster, rules, etc., call (413) 786-9300 (extension 3264).

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11-13 DIVISION	W	L
Aldrich Insurance	6	0
Grimaldi & Burzdak	5	1
Corner Deli	3	3
Movie Mart	2	4
Provin Mt. Farms	2	4
Village Lounge	0	6

AAA Boys's Weekly **Basketball Standings**

10-12 DIVISIONS		
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E.B.'s Specialty Chicken	5	3
Prof. Traffic Systems	4	4
Corner Deli	3	5
Fran's Restaurant	0	8
NATIONAL	W	L
Spirit Shoppe	7	1
Auth Fuels	6	2
Valenti's	6	2
Agawam Opticians	2	6
Movie Mart	1	7
13-15 DIVISIONS		
AMERICAN	W	L
Auth Fuels	6	2
Briggs & Staff Ins.	6	2
Provin Mt. Farms	4	4
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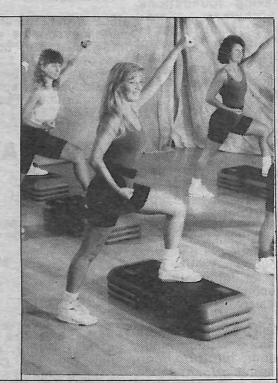
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